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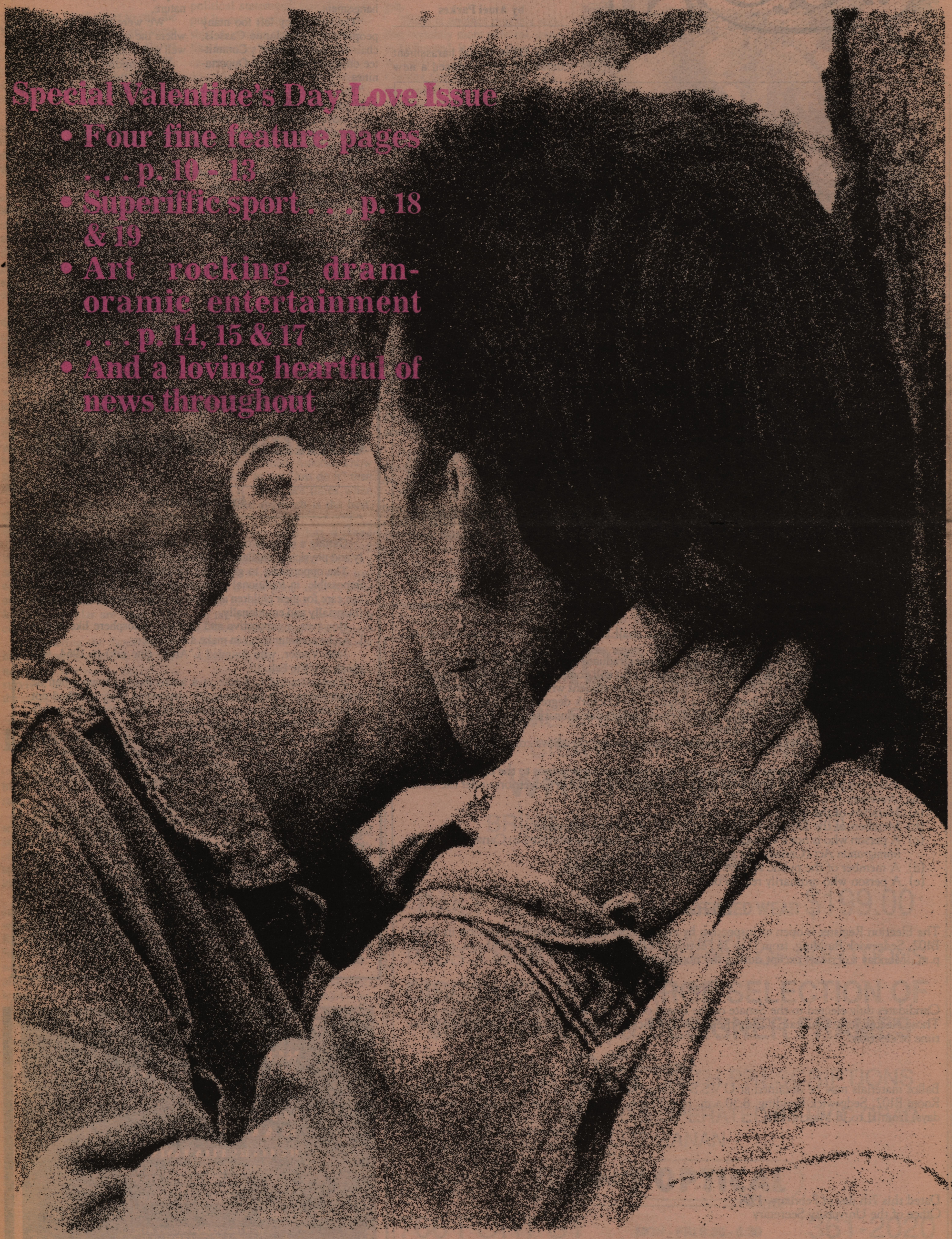

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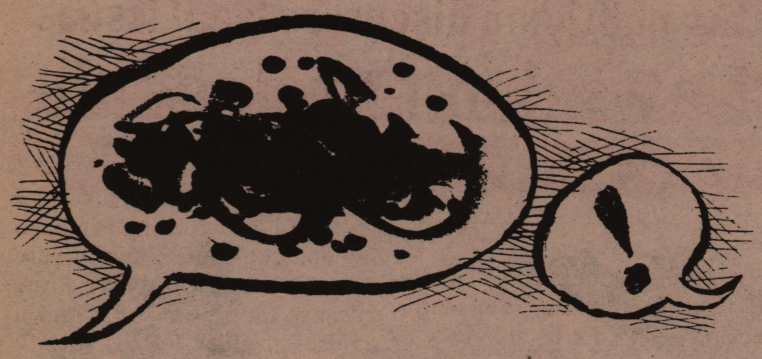
Dorothy Forster



New all-encompassing harassment policy proposed by admin

by Amei Parkes

The UVic sexual harassment committee has proposed a new policy to encompass all forms of harassment.

"The old policy left too many people out," said Jamie Cassels, chair for the President's Committee on Equal Rights and Opportunities.

"This policy is designed to prevent harassment on grounds of race, color, ancestry and other grounds found in human rights legislation you'd find across the country."

If the policy is approved by the Dean's Council and the President's Committee, students, staff and faculty can voice their complaints to one of the Equity Officers, effective on February 18.

Cassels said the new policy will address a large group of people in need of protection from general harassment.

The first policy dealt only with sexual harassment defined as, "unwelcome advances, requests for sexual favors or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature.

"We were trying to figure out where the old policy was working well and where it wasn't," he said.

"If someone had an informal complaint, they would arrange an informal consultation with a harassment advisor."

The advisor has one month to resolve the complaint.

"Usually when people find out they're doing something wrong, they're more than happy to stop," said Cassels.

But if simple explanation failed, the person could make a formal written complaint to the Equity Issues Office.

If the harassment problem could be resolved using the Equity Issues officer as a mediator, a hearing may result, and the three people making up the panel would make a formal investigation into the harassment problem.❑

NOTICE

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

U.V.S.S. and G.S.S. MEMBERS

NOTICE OF ELECTIONS TO THE SENATE AND THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Take notice that the following elections will take place in March 1991:

Elections to the Senate

TWELVE FULL TIME STUDENTS (including at least one student from each Faculty) (1 year term)

Election to the Board of Governors

TWO FULL TIME STUDENTS (1 year term)

Nominations Close 28 February 1991

Nomination papers must be signed by no fewer than three persons who are eligible to vote in the election and by the candidate who shall sign a statement that he or she is willing to stand for election. Nomination forms are available in Room B102, Sedgewick Building, on and after 11 February 1991.

A nomination paper is not valid unless it is received in Room B102, Sedgewick Building, University of Victoria, not later than *4:30 p.m., Thursday, 28 February 1991.*

Eligibility

The Student Association is composed of all students who are members of the UVic Students' Society or the Graduate Students' Society of the University of Victoria.

A student is defined as a person who is enrolled at this University in at least one credit course which is currently in session.

Persons eligible to make nominations and to vote shall be students who are members of the Student Association.

A full time student is defined as either (i) an undergraduate student who is enrolled in the current Winter Session in at least 12 units of courses or who will complete by 30 April 1991 at least 15 units of courses taken since 1 May 1990, or (ii) a graduate student who is currently enrolled as a full time student in a program leading to a Master's or Doctor's degree, or (iii) a graduate or undergraduate student who is registered in a full time cooperative education program and enrolled in at least one term in the Winter Session.

A part time student is defined as a student who does not meet the above conditions specified for full time students.

These definitions apply from the beginning of the period of nominations to the date of election.

The following persons are not eligible to be members of the Board of Governors under the terms of the *University Act*, Section 23:

(a) Members of the Parliament of Canada;
(b) Members of the Executive Council or of the Legislative Assembly;
(c) A person who is not a Canadian citizen or a person lawfully admitted to Canada under the *Immigration Act* (Canada) for permanent residence;
(d) A member of the public service in the Ministry of Education;
(e) A person who ordinarily resides outside the Province.

Election Register

The Election Register is open to inspection by any member of the Student Association in Room B102, Sedgewick Building, from 11 to 28 February 1991, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, except during the noon hour.

Term of Office

Candidates duly elected to the Senate or the Board of Governors will take office on 1 May 1991. Those elected must maintain during their term of office the same student status they held at the time of election.

Voting

Ballot materials may be obtained at U.V.S.S Polling Stations on 11 and 12 March 1991, and at Room B102, Sedgewick Building, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (except at noon hour and on weekend days) from 11 to 18 March 1991.

C. Freeman-Ward
Acting University Secretary

Dated this 7th day of February, 1991
Office of the University Secretary

Founder of L'Arche communities to visit

by Lisa Langford

Getting a sense of community is often impossible for mentally and physically challenged people.

The opportunity to grow and develop is limited, sometimes impossible, in traditional institutional settings, and people who can care for their children at home are sometimes unable to cope financially and emotionally.

However, a supportive and creative atmosphere like that at L'Arche communities can make a difference.

Jean Vanier, who founded L'Arche (the ark) in 1964, will speak at UVic Feb. 19.

Vanier started L'Arche in a small French town when he began living with two mentally challenged men who had not experienced affection or responsibility. Now there are nearly 200 people living in 21 nearby houses.

There are 95 L'Arche communities in 22 countries including Haiti, India, and the Ivory coast. Twenty-four are in Canada.

The communities are based on respect, affection, spirituality and the belief that everyone has something of value to offer others.

Vanier became involved with the physically and mentally challenged after a stint in the navy at 13 and 10 years spent studying theology and philosophy while examining his Roman Catholic faith.

The L'Arche communities not only create a sense of community for the residents, but also bring them back into society.

They determine their own schedules with the help of assistants and everyone contributes according to their abilities.

Vanier will speak at 7:30 p.m. in the University Centre auditorium Feb. 19. His talk is part of the Chaplaincy Lectures series. An offering will be taken to support L'Arche communtities in Central America.❑

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NEWS

Damien Shaw

NO FURRY FASHION - Citizens for the Ethical Treatment of Animals held a demonstration Feb. 9 in Centennial Square, marching over to Scuby's Furs on Government St. It was part of a nationwide protest.

Gay politician discusses legal issues

Laws don't protect all

by Anne McKinnell

Imagine what it must be like to go away for the weekend with your lover and not be able to tell anyone what a wonderful time you had.

Imagine having to hide all traces of your relationship when your parents come to visit you at your apartment.

Imagine your partner is in an accident and you go to the hospital and are told you have no right to see them.

This is what life is like when you are in a homosexual relationship because those relationships are not recognized by law.

Svend Robinson, NDP Member of Parliament who "came out" in 1988, discussed legal issues relating to lesbians and gay men in a visit to UVic on Feb. 11.

"Hopefully this will be the beginning of ongoing discussions on lesbian and gay issues in the only province where Socred candidates distribute condoms with the Socred logo," said Robinson.

"Last week AIDS took its one-hundred-thousandth victim in the United States... 10 years ago most of us hadn't even heard of AIDS."

People with AIDS not only suffer the burden of facing homophobia and confronting the disease, but often end up dying alone because they were too afraid to tell their families, Robinson said.

"Not because they were sick, because they were gay."

Robinson has received many phone calls from lesbians and gay men who have particular problems under the law.

One call was from a gay man who was cycling through a park and was beaten up because he was gay.

The man felt he couldn't report the incident to the police because his boss didn't know he was gay. He was a childcare worker.

Another example Robinson gave was of an officer in the armed forces who was known for her professional capabilities. She was considered one of the top five officers in Canada.

"When it was suspected she was a lesbian she was told her career was over. She was then locked in a hotel room, interrogated like a criminal, given a lie-detector test and when she broke down and admitted she was a les-

Disputed area contains graves of smallpox victims, pictographs

Native blockade evokes varied responses

by James MacKinnon

Efforts by the Lil'wat Peoples Movement to prevent road building in areas deemed sacred by many local natives have created strong but varied emotions on all sides.

The movement established roadblocks over the past week to protect areas which natives say contain the mass graves of smallpox victims, pictographs left by native doctors and culturally modified trees.

Terri John, who has been active in the roadblocks near Mt. Currie and Pemberton over the last few days, said problems the movement had both anticipated and experienced have been magnified by the media.

We won't tolerate their bullying any more. That's about as plain as we can make it.

"It's very one-sided media, especially the CBC ... to the point where I'm losing the desire to even talk to them," said John.

She said the mainstream press has not reported many of the events.

For example, she said while the press hears an RCMP speaker say, "I'm glad my members didn't get hurt," little attention is paid to the "brutality that they (RCMP) delivered to the natives.

"A watchman stuck his head out of his tent and was clubbed on the spot," she said, referring to the dawn raid of the blockade camp Feb. 11, which brought the number of arrests to 12.

Another person involved with the blockade received seven stitches above his left eye, she added.

On Tuesday, John and three other natives returned to the blockade site near Ure Creek, called Boulder Creek by the Lil'wat, to try to retrieve a Mohawk flag left behind during the RCMP raid. They had heard rumours the flag was taken by either RCMP or International Forest Products (InterFor) workers.

Following a verbal exchange, she said the RCMP "ran after one guy and beat him up. Three of us got away by running into the woods.

"We ran away for six hours."

Media releases and liaison officers for the RCMP refused comment on these events.

John felt the roadblocks were justified, as the natives, "aren't going to count on the courts to defend native people when they (courts) wouldn't even apply any of the laws that protect us."

She said all Canadians should be concerned.

"I don't know how people can go on living in a country that's lawless."

At press time, both native and non-native roadblocks had been removed, and a tense peace surrounded the area as Johnny Jones, the appointed Lil'wat observer of the sacred sites, along with an archaeologist employed by InterFor, returned to the area.

John, however, did not feel any rerouting of the proposed road would be possible, and doubted Jones would approve of any.

"We will not accept a reroute at all," she said. "They're only trying to get to our last timber resources.

"We won't tolerate their bullying any more. That's about as plain as we can make it."

While the blockades are down the Lil'wat movement is attempting to formulate grounds for appeal, under the council of their lawyer Bruce Clark.

They are also circulating a prayer and petition for justice to both the Minister of Justice, Kim Campbell, and to the Attorney General for British Columbia.

These papers outline the movement's concern the federal and provincial governments are ignoring such fundamental documents as the Royal Proclamation of 1763 and the Constitution Act of 1982.

Dennis Gibbs of the Office of the Minister of Justice said he had seen neither of these papers, and declined to comment further on behalf of the ministry.

Attorney General Russ Fraser said he had not heard anything about the papers.

"Basically, you can be sure the government has acted very carefully," said Fraser. He cited efforts last year to resolve the similar issue surrounding the Duffey Lake Road blockades.

In that case, the government offered to buy the land the road sits on at value, or to trade acre for acre for the land, he said.

When the natives refused those offers, the province had to take

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Teach-in to go ahead despite Senate rejection of motion to cancel classes

by Oliver Ho

Classes will not be cancelled for a Valentine's Day teach-in on the Gulf War, but the day of discussion will still happen.

The Senate decided at their Feb. 6 meeting not to cancel classes. The request to do so came from the UVic Anti-War Coalition.

"There's no good reason to cancel classes," said Reg Mitchell, chair of the Senate.

He said it would mess up many class schedules, especially lab times.

"One shouldn't cancel classes ... it's really difficult to catch up. (And) any student's got the option not to attend classes."

Bill Gordon, acting secretary for the Senate, said many members felt supporting the request even in principle would be the same as telling students not to attend classes.

"The proposal was coercive on students," he said. "Even though some students may feel there are more appropriate ways to protest the war ... this was a motion that would require people to cancel classes.

"Senate has a history of rejecting requests that classes be cancelled. (And) most students have an expectation the classes will be when they are."

Mitchell said the Senate has never cancelled classes for political reasons, and supporting the teach-in would make them look like they support the anti-war movement.

"The Senate shouldn't take a position on that. It's not a decision for the Senate to make."

Student Senator Brian Kelcey said the other members gave him mixed reactions to the proposal.

"The general reaction ... was kind of sympathetic and incredulous.

"They kind of knew where we were coming from but were against the idea of cancelling classes."

When the motion to cancel classes failed, a compromise motion came up for the Senate to support the principle of students leaving class to attend the teach-in, but it also failed.

"What annoyed me ... was the number of faculty members who came up afterwards and made a point of telling me it was a good effort and they wished it had gone through."

Over 90 faculty members signed a letter in support of cancelling classes, and some of them have their own plans for the teach-in.

Ann Gower, a physics professor, will teach her regular class on Feb. 14, but will give the class again later to students who want to attend the teach-in.

"That's my personal compromise," she said. "I've been really moved by the interaction we've had so far about this issue. People still really need to talk."

The teach-in begins with an outdoor demonstration at noon

There will be speakers in the Cinecenta starting at 1:30 p.m., and the presentations will move to the David Lam Auditorium at 6:30 p.m.❑

NEWS

Niki Lederer

BOOKS, BOOKS EVERYWHERE — Despite all the material in the library, very little of it deals with homosexuality. The Lambda club hopes to increase the amount of information available by donating the *Encyclopedia of Homosexuality*.

Dance to buy book

by James MacKinnon

A fundraising dance to help the McPherson library get better aquainted with gay literature is planned by the Lambda club, the lesbian and gay group on campus.

The club would like to donate an encyclopedia dealing with homosexual issues to the library.

Ian Robertson, who has been looking through the library's collection of materials on homosexuality, felt anyone looking for information would be disappointed.

"There's a lot of old stuff, most of it is really out of date, or lists false information.

"Anything pre-80s is kind of interesting but not useful to someone coming out right now. Material that is 10 years out of date is pre-AIDS and won't include many of the most important issues," he said.

M. Stanley came up with the idea of donating an encyclopedia when he came across an appropriate volume at the Greater Victoria Public Library.

The Encyclopedia of Homo-Sexuality, edited by Wayne R. Dynes, is a 1990 publication of The Garland Reference Library, and costs about $170 U.S.

Stanley said many libraries had, "really big troubles with gay and lesbian books being stolen," and felt this might be less likely with an encyclopedia.

Robertson added the donation would fulfill, "the need for something more general, more comprehensive.

"The library seems to be making an effort," he added, pointing out the donation was not meant as an act of criticism, though he would like to see material on homosexuality expanded.

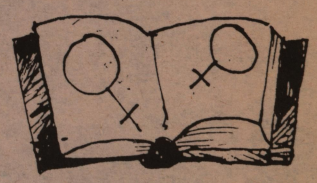
Donna Signori, head of collections for the library, said the lack of material "is certainly not deliberate.

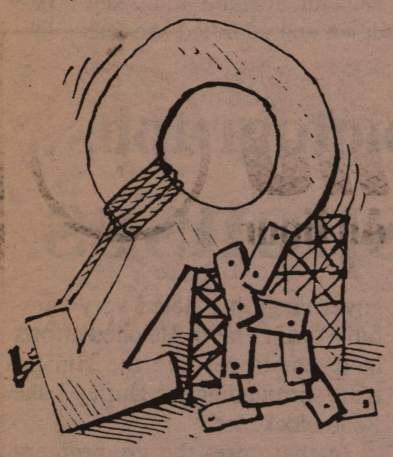
"We support the curriculum and faculty research. I always say that if you can get faculty behind your issue then things may improve."

Signori also said monetary constraints often restrict the expansion of collections, as this forces faculty to "priorize according to need."

Robertson said he and Stanley have just begun to explore the problem and have not consulted library staff to any great extent.

Both were optimistic the dance, the first of its kind and tentatively set for March 15, would be a positive first step towards widening access to gay literature.❑





City lacks homosexual support groups

by Alisa Gordaneer

The lack of support groups or services for young men and women who want to "come out" as gay or lesbian is a serious problem in Victoria.

Resources like information phone lines, discussion groups and legal and counselling services are virtually nonexistent here, although they are common in other major cities.

For a young person looking for somewhere to turn, this is a serious problem.

Although several teenagers have contacted UVic's Lambda club, there has not been any sort of gay and lesbian youth group in Victoria in at least four years.

Scott Wilson, a member of the Lambda club, said the need for such a group is obvious.

A young person coming out at 16 will, "not get too messed up about it," he said.

Wilson said waiting too long to come to terms with your sexuality can cause greater consequences than if you are comfortable with it early in life.

The Lambda club hopes to do a youth outreach program sometime in the future. Wilson said "AIDS Vancouver Island goes to highschools from time to time, but not a lot at the moment."

AIDS information is, "another area where a youth group would be useful, for gay teenagers whose hormones are playing ping-pong with their brain," Wilson said.

The highest frequency of new AIDS cases right now is in the 18 to 25 age group.

Due to the teachers' strike, highschool counsellors were unavailable for comment on this issue.

Dean Fortin, executive director of the Victoria Association for Street Kids, said "we support individuals. It doesn't matter if they're gay or lesbian."

If they were looking for specific support services, Fortin said he would refer gay and lesbian youth to AIDS Vancouver Island.

But the reality of a simple discussion and social group for gay and lesbian youth is still unknown in Victoria. The Lambda club (which is open to young members) doesn't think it's from lack of interest.

"If a service like the phone line is there, people start using it," said club member Dorothy Forster.

Wilson said "the Ottawa youth group is tremendously strong. They hold dances, discussion groups and coffee houses. They're pretty well the backbone of the community there."

A few books which might be useful to anyone considering coming out are available. Check out One Teenager in Ten, Ann Heron ed. Like Coming Home: the coming out letters, Meg Umans ed., There's Something I've Been Meaning to Tell You, Loralee Macpike
Parents Matter: Parents' Relationships with Lesbian Daughters and Gay Sons, Ann Muller. ❑

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NEWS

Howie questions stir meeting

by Daniel Hughes

A bigger SUB and hard questions for the President were amongst the topics at the Students' Society's Feb. 11 Board meeting.

Plans call for expansion including laundromat and games room.

Plans for Sub expansion are progressing, and on Monday the Board ratified a new space usage plan.

The building will more than double in size, going from 1800 square metres to 4628 square metres when the project is complete.

Plans call for an expansion of Felicita's, and a new cafeteria modelled after Granville Island's food bar. The present cafeteria will become a nightclub.

The new SUB will house a number of retail outlets, including a laundromat. Other improvements include a games room, staff room, and an expanded Cinecenta.

Spicy questions

Question period was spiced up with inquiries about President Howard Jampolsky's lack of organizing efforts when the Citizens' Forum for Canada's Future was on campus Feb. 4.

Elizabeth Loughran, vice-president academic, noted last week's visit of the 'Spicer Commission' "was a real embarrassment" to the Society, and asked Jampolsky for an explanation.

Jampolsky said he heard the Commission was coming to UVic and, "I contacted the guy, whatever his name was .... There was no interest expressed by anybody at that time.

"I admit I didn't have it on the top of my agenda. I take full responsibility for the poor showing."

Jampolsky said everyone around the UVSS offices knew the Commission was going to be visiting.

"How did everyone around know when no-one at the General Office knew and no-one at the Resource Centre knew?" said Russ Williams, vice-president services.

"That's been answered," Jampolsky said.

Williams said the Commission was considering returning, but, "When I offered help (in organizing the visit), the Commission member said they wanted nothing to do with the Board. How do you feel about this, Howard?"

"Well, I'm glad that someone's taken that up," Jampolsky said.

New furniture attracts crowds

New tables and chairs in the SUB Upper Lounge have attracted new bodies to fill them.

Because of this, "Health Food Bar sales are up 40 per cent and the place is packed where it wasn't before. So the next time you hear someone say the UVSS is wasting money, you tell them they're wrong!" said Brian Webster, SUB administrative coordinator.

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Demise exaggerated

by Oliver Ho

Rumours of demise for the Island Gay Society's Victoria branch are greatly exaggerated, says Sam Archer, its current president.

"Overall, the Society itself isn't doing badly," he said. "The biggest difficulty we seem to have right now is Victoria seems to be having teething pains."

He said some Victoria members may be unhappy with the executives' actions to place more administrative control on the branch (placing more control over phone use, for example).

"(But) I don't think it's about to close up shop."

The Society was officially registered in 1981, but had been operating for some time before then.

There are four active branches of the Society on Vancouver Island: in Victoria, Duncan, Nanaimo and Courtney. Archer said a branch may start soon in the Alberni Valley.

The Society is the only group of its kind in the province, said Archer.

"It's unfortunate because there's a lot of things that could be done."

He said more groups could lobby for changes to the federal and provincial human rights acts, which don't offer any protection from abuses based on sexuality.

He also suggested the Society could work with other empowerment groups, such as the Status of Women Action Group, "making a connection between the difficulties gays and lesbians face with the difficulties women face.

"I'd like to see the IGS get more involved with other groups and work together to accomplish some of our more common goals.

"But not everybody's into politics."

In Victoria, the Society operates a coffeehouse every Sunday at the Fernwood Community Centre.

Archer has been involved for about 10 years with the Society and its previous incarnations as informal discussion groups. He has been president of the Society for the past two years.❑

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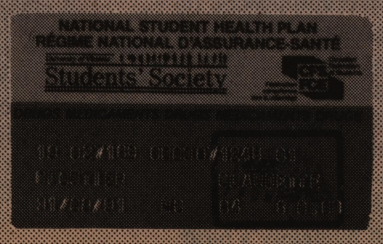

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EDITORIAL

Valentine's Day paper is more than a sex issue

The infamous Valentine's Day *Martlet* is here, and contrary to popular thought, it isn't a sex issue, it's a love issue.

Every year for the past while the paper has dedicated its Feb. 14 issue in some way to gay and lesbian issues. One year the entire paper was about these issues, and in another there was a special supplement section. This year the stories are spread throughout the issue.

Previous years' issues have brought a deluge of letters from students angry about the amount of coverage given to gay and lesbian issues in the paper, calling it old and unrepresentative. Others have called the special issue tokenism.

The fact people get riled up over these issues is one of the main reasons why it is so important to keep bringing them into focus.

Mainstream media covers these issues from a negative standpoint - people who were attacked because of their sexuality, how many people died from AIDS - and that all contributes to homophobia.

A common statistic says 10 per cent of society could be categorized as homosexual. A recent study in the United States suggests the figure is closer to 20 or 30 per cent.

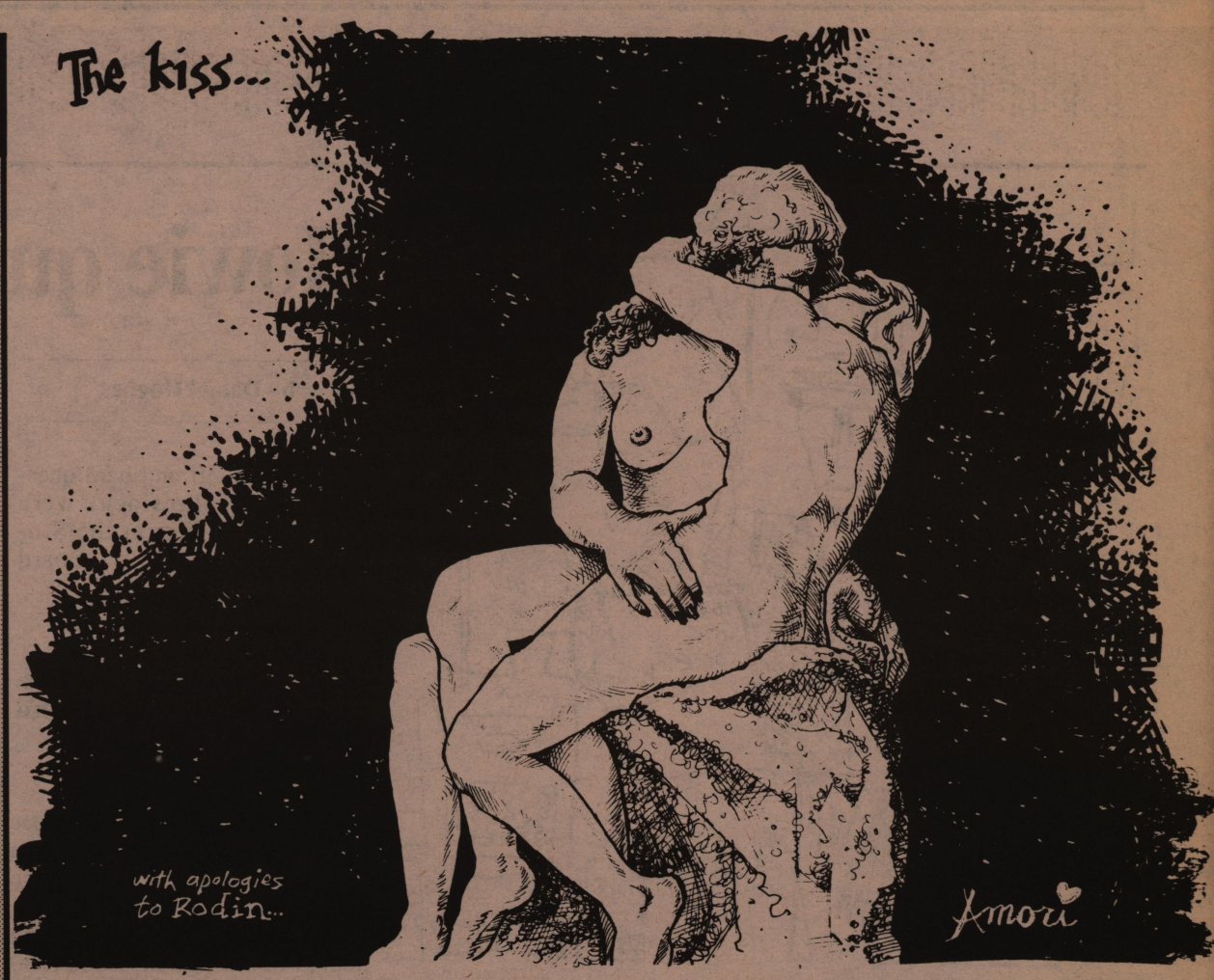
So if there are about 14,000 students at UVic, there are theoretically over 3,000 gay students.

Many homosexuals are closeted, and having things like special-issue newspapers is necessary to them; it gives out information people need but may not feel comfortable asking for. And safe sex information is useful to people regardless of their sexual orientation.

It would be wonderful to have regular coverage of gay and lesbian issues, but not that much really happens around UVic. A special issue gives a deeper look into issues than snippets spread out over the year, but it is still a pretty narrow glimpse into some important issues.

People offended by this issue might ask themselves why they feel that way (or write the paper, like soooo many others). And then they should sit down and read it cover to cover before they recycle it.

Editorial topics are decided on by staff at editorial meetings, which happen every Friday at 2 p.m. in the Martlet *office. Editorials are written by one or more staffers with input from all present at the meeting.*



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Student finds Jampolsky's tactics transparent

Editors:

Though I don't normally get involved in the noise and nonsense of on-campus politics, news of Monsieur Jampolsky's recent sin of omission regarding the Spicer Commission compels me to take my somewhat-poison pen in hand.

Word has it Jampolsky and his faithful entourage were prominent among the very few who attended the Spicer hearing. This makes suspect our esteemed President's stated reason for not publicizing this highly important event; I strongly doubt that he and his tribe would simultaneously remember to attend and forget to tell anyone else about it.

I don't wish to indulge in conspiracy theories but, damn it, Sir Howard's absent-mindedness in this case is so extraordinarily convenient I can't help but suspect ulterior motives.

Jampolsky and acolytes were heard; almost no one else was. This is not only unfair, but suggests a degree of mean-spiritedness highly unbecoming in a public official.

I won't go as far as Daniel Hughes in demanding the President's resignation, but a heartfelt mea culpa is clearly indicated here.

It's not just that Emperor Jampolsky has no clothes — it's that his tactics are so transparent.

Lyle Neff

Autonomy is cool

Editors:

The Muse feels that autonomy (especially financial) is everything, and while *The Muse* isn't autonomous, we'd surely like to be. We think your autonomy drive is, well, there's only one word for it ... coolaramanisocity.

Good Luck,
The Muse,
Memorial University,
St. John's

Plea for community forest

Editors:

We are writing this letter to inform UVic faculty, staff and students of the potential destruction of the Haro Woods site, located in the Arbutus St. and Haro St. area.

Saanich council is considering a mixed, residential development on these municipal lands.

It is proposing to set aside at least one quarter of the 4.38 hectare site for affordable housing.

Such a step would involve the destruction of this natural and unspoilt woodland area; an area that is a sanctuary for wildlife and a place of natural beauty.

Saanich council has not made its final decision; therefore, there is still time to influence their move. If you believe preservation of the Haro Woods as a parkland will benefit our community, please add your name to the petitions circulating around the campus.

We encourage you to attend the next council meeting which will be held at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 14 at the Council Chambers, Saanich Municipal Hall. Please, help us, your fellow students, make a difference!!!

Corey Erwin
Gillian Cooper
Jody Audet

Abortion jargon considered

Editors:

According to the instructor of a women's studies course I took last spring, the abortion-rights movement began under the title "pro-abortion.:

This title was abandoned when feminists realized by using this phrase they were alienating many women, including many Afro-Americans who saw abortion not as a liberating solution, but as a tragic last resort. Abortion was, and remains, a sign of defeat, not victory.

Even after the movement changed its title to "pro-choice," many women and men still continue to oppose it, not out of a desire to control other women's bodies (which abortion itself has often been used to do) but because abortion destroys human life.

Indeed this issue has divided women, and consequently the women's movement itself, more than any other single issue.

As someone against abortion, I resent the title "anti-choice." It is both unfair and untrue. The reality which abortion advocates sometimes fail to acknowledge is many women in Canada, and even more so in other countries, have abortions not by choice, but because they see no other alternative.

It's time we started fighting for real, life-promoting choices.

If you are interested or have any ideas come join Youth Protecting Youth in Elliott 164, every Friday at 2:30 p.m.

Rachel Dunstan Mullar

Dailyites say it all

Editors:

Fly away, flee.

Love,
The Daily
McGill,
Montreal

Media, Rushton ignore brain loops

Editors:

I would like to make one thing clear about Philippe Rushton's theories which have appeared in Canadian newspapers. I have not come across a serious counter-attack on Rushton's views. Because of limited space, this letter is by no means going to deal profoundly with this subject.

Recent paleontological research confirmed humanity's birth place is Africa. All the races are issued from the African race by direct relationship. Other continents were peopled from Africa at the *Homo Erectus* stage as well as at the *Homo Sapiens* stage (Diop).

Before discussing race and intelligence, Rushton should first discuss the origin of humanity. Why is the origin of humanity relevant to the issue of race and intelligence?

It is relevant because as Dr. C.A. Diop pointed out, there is some relative relationship between cranial capacity and intelligence if we look at the evolution of the three species of humankind.

The intellectual capacity for the first four species of mankind i.e. *Australopithecus Robustus, Australopithecus Gracile, Homo Habilis* and *Homo Erectus* increased as they evolved. But for the last two specimens i.e. *Homo Sapiens* or Neanderthal man and *Homo Sapiens Sapiens* this rule has not been verified.

Orientals, Occidentals and Blacks/African all belong to the Homo Sapiens Sapiens species. Why does Rushton single out Blacks as if they do not belong to the Homo Sapiens Sapiens species?

Intelligence has not only to do with cranial capacity, but with the convolutions of the brain.

For example, Descartes' brain had loops and turns and in this way its density extended the surface area of the cerebral cortex. Descartes was a genius.

Diop concluded all the studies to make the hierarchy of intelligence among the races have been failures. All races have the same intellectual capacity.

Rushton, like George Bush, is probably ignorant of the fact Africans brought out the rest of humanity from prehistory to civilization.

Last but not least, I would like to mention my article on race and intelligence was rejected by most Canadian newspapers. That is why I have written this letter to *The Martlet* to vent out my frustration because the same newspapers which ran Rushton's theories

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The Martlet

Quote of the Week: *"Stapling condoms is a really bad idea."* A passerby, to another unclear on the concept

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could not even print my letters to the editor which I wrote on this subject.

Racism and erudition are completely incompatible since the former leads to faulty ideas.

I would like to encourage the Canadian media to stop being subjective. Or will I be justified in alleging the mainstream media is supporting as well as defending the unfounded and baseless philosophy of white supremacism?

Sam Ditshego

More support given

Editors:

Autonomy is great. Let *The Martlet* have it.

Mike Coury
The Ubyssey

Director responds again ... and again

Editors:

I respond to the letter "Misinformed opinions abound." I don't think these opinions are misinformed. In fact, I think these people know exactly what they're talking about. Moreover, I think you know that too.

Take me, for example. I have been on your ass for nearly 18 months now. One of my best friends is an ex-*Martlet* staffer who quit because he couldn't stand your attitudes. I probably know more about how *The Martlet* works than you do.

Now, take autonomy. If there is any misinformation circulating around here, its coming from you. First James McKinnon says *The Martlet* is unable to exclude students from the newspaper, then later admits that they can be.

First you say autonomy means head *Martlet* officials won't be elected, then he says they will be. And Gary Hartford, who is supposed to be negotiating autonomy, says he still doesn't know whether there will be elected officials, what power they will have, or even whether they will be elected by UVic students or *Martlet* staff.

And maybe he or *The Martlet* won't tell us until *The Martlet* gets what it wants.

I now believe *The Martlet* is planning to swindle UVic students into granting them immunity (at student's expense) from responsibility in case a Board of Directors is elected that is not willing to tolerate *The Martlet*'s lies in return for pulling its political line.

Shannon Mitchell
Director, UVSS

P.S. I have no respect for people who tear up other people's petitions, or who spit on soldiers while "working for peace," or who call Canada a "racist nation."

Autonomous paper supports drive

Editors:

It is a terrible shame a high quality paper on a large campus like UVic should be financially strung by its student government.

The *Capilano Courier* is published by an autonomous society with a direct student levy. We feel this has made us a better paper.

Capilano Courier
North Vancouver

X-pressers like autonomy

Editors:

On behalf of the staff at the *X-press Magazine*, the official student voice of the University of Prince Edward Island, I would like to extend our support for your autonomy drive.

Sincerely,
Liam "I love *The Martlet*" Whatly
U.P.E.I

Varsity gives support

Editors:

The Varsity would like to offer its support in your upcoming autonomy drive. We only too clearly realize the importance of an independent press.

The Martlet is mailed frequently to *The Varsity*, and it is an excellent paper in content and coverage, especially the graphics department.

The Varsity,
U of T

Students should consider issues

Editors:

We are very pleased to learn *The Martlet* is attempting an autonomy drive.

We at The Fulcrum expect to be making such a move in the near future. We hope your student population will seriously consider the issues involved in the freedom of the student press. Any other system allows for censorship, intimidation and secrecy.

Best wishes,
The Fulcrum
University of Ottawa

Campus speaks from experience

Editors:

The Campus would like to extend its encouragement concerning your autonomy drive. As we discovered last year, the press cannot effectively carry out its critical functions when government holds the purse strings. Only when autonomous editorially and financially can a newspaper carry out its mandate.

The press is a major check on government. Student governments seldom include an opposition so university newspapers must hold the elected officials accountable.

Paul J. Cinfo
Editor,
The Campus
Bishop U.
Lennoxville, Que.

Paper wishes success

Editors:

The Paper would like to support your autonomy drive. We are in a similar situation because we are not autonomous and that causes many problems between the newspaper and the student council. We hope you are successful.

The Paper
Marianpolis College
Montreal

Fighting chance against hikes

Editors:

February ... a few sunny days, the first snowdrops, and another round of tuition hikes across the province. Tuition hikes seem to come with that slight shift in the weather, as inevitable as rain, and mud, and student poverty.

Those gradual hikes have added up to a 139 per cent rise in tuition in the last decade, more than doubling inflation. As government funding has decreased, students — the least able to pay — are expected to make up the difference.

Our society as a whole benefits from an educated population. Why then can only a few people afford to attend?

Access to education should not be determined by wealth.

Sure, but what can students do about tuition hikes?

We can get organized. Every year, when tuition hikes are in the air, the UVic Students' Society works to raise public awareness about student financial hardship.

Last year's "Freeze the Fees" demonstration, organized by the UVSS and the Canadian Federation of Students (B.C.) pressured the provincial government into establishing a standing committee on post-secondary education.

You can be sure the CFS rep on that committee will put tuition on the agenda.

By organizing nationally, students have already reduced tuition hikes: the CFS lobbied the government and stopped the GST from being levied on tuition.

So next time someone asks you why students would bother opposing tuition hikes, tell them we've got a good fighting chance.

Jacquie Best
UVSS Director

Praise and support given

Editors:

Your publication is truly a noble effort toward social change. You continue to uphold fine journalistic principles and ideals — and you look groovy too.

In order to continue and improve you must be allowed autonomy. The difference between press and propaganda, too often, is who controls the purse strings.

The Other Press
Douglas College,
New Westminster

Autonomy is gnarly

Editors:

Even from *la belle province distincte* we can tell a quality paper when we read it ... and we think your autonomy drive is pretty gnarly.

Bandersnatch
J. Abbott College
Mtl., Que.

Autonomy is necessary

Editors:

We at *The Carillon* offer all our support for your autonomy drive. Editorial freedom should not be compromised by financial dependency, and for this reason complete autonomy is a necessity.

The Carillon collective
University of Regina

Letters not appearing this week were held for space and will apear next week.

NOTICE

The Graduation committee of the Class of 1991 has resolved, after extensive deliberations and considerations, to disperse the class of 1991 graduation gift as follows:

1. The endowment of a **Class of 1991 Social Justice Speaker Series**. Administered by the **Faculty of Law** in consultation with a variety of other campus and community organizations, this speaker series will allow UVic to attract world-class lectures renown in human rights and social justice and will further promote understanding in this area of concern.
2. The endowment of a **Class of 1991 Bursary** awarded in **Women's Studies** based on financial need.
3. The endowment of a **Class of 1991 Bursary** awarded in **Environmental Studies** based on academic achievement, community service and financial need.

The funds allocated towards these endowments totals approximately $13,000 to $15,000. The dispersements of funds shall occur Friday 22 February 1991.

1991 graduating students are invited to address, in writing, inquiries of interest regarding these endowments, the dispersal of endowment funds or the undertakings of the graduation committee of the Class of 1991 to:

The President
Graduation Committee
Class of 1991
c/o UVSS President's Box
SUB general office

Written submissions will be accepted until 4:30 P.M. Tuesday 19 February 1991.

For further information please call 385-3263.

Natives and company vie over status of sacred site

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whatever actions were necessary to, "keep the highways open in the province of B.C. to provide money to provide social services," Fraser said.

In this case Fraser said he felt roads should not be allowed to close again, and that no moratorium on road building should be imposed while the issue is resolved.

"If we have an obligation to these people let's find out what it is.

"It makes no sense to bring the forestry, mining, and fishing industries to a halt. The town of Lilloet has almost been brought to a dead halt," he said.

Philip Paul, representative for the Saanich tribe, was angered by Fraser's view and said "loggers are crying over lost jobs" while the native people across B.C. are "almost 100 per cent unemployed."

This view was reiterated by Alex Jamieson, speaking as a member of UVic's Students for Aboriginal Rights.

"They're dealing with this as a criminal matter, but it's criminal that we have the highest suicide rate, the highest unemployment rate in the country."

When asked about these statistics, Fraser replied Canada is a, "country built on equal opportunity for everyone (where) people respect each others rights.

"They're (natives) allowed to work, no one is preventing them from working."

He said the reason for low native employment is a "sociological issue."

Fraser also said the Social Credit government had worked hard to include natives in the justice, education, and other systems.

Native people have done this out of desperation.

He felt the present government was "specializing in Indian educational opportunities.

"Maybe we've done it the wrong way from the start," he said. "No one is given these things the native people are given. Maybe that was just the wrong way to go about it."

Jamieson felt native troubles were based in more political roots.

"Organization over land claims was illegal until 1951, we couldn't vote until 1960. Any possibility to work within the system for settlement of issues has been closed to us."

Fred Lowenberger, chief forester for InterFor, felt not enough federal or provincial governmental interest was being shown.

"Our company is kind of the action-oriented company in that area," said Lowenberger. "We're caught in an area bigger than we are."

Lowenberger recognized native people had, "a past history of frustration in dealing with governments. They're not attacking us, they're attacking the system."

Lowenberger said InterFor was willing to leave the area, "if all is as Mr. (Johnny) Jones says.

"We'll back off, certainly," he said.

He said InterFor hired Ian Wilson, an archaeological consultant, to look over the site, rather than accept the evidence of Johnny Jones, because the company, "would like to have the evidence interpreted by an independent observer."

Wilson was involved in establishing the original road route in the area.

Lowenberger refused to predict what might happen over the next few days, but said if InterFor moved out of the area, he feels the local workers, "would understand, but it would be a sacrifice for them." He does not anticipate violence.

Government has all kinds of recourse to avoid these confrontations.

He hoped government involvement would make things easier for all sides.

Bob Kennedy, manager of information for the federal department of Indian and Northern Affairs, said the federal government would keep out of this incident.

"A process for the resolution of native issues has been approved by native leaders," he said, and added the blockades were a "law and order issue."

As for a visit to the site by the minister responsible, Kennedy said the department "would only consider such a visit if invited to do so by the chief and band council."

Kennedy said the blockade had not been condoned by the chief or band council.

Paul vehemently denounced the department's position as "propaganda."

"It's the first thing Indian Affairs always does," he said.

Paul felt there was no division amongst natives over issues such as land title and the protection of sacred grounds from desecration.

"Divisions exist only when they are superimposed by the federal government," he said.

Jamieson said the federal department's "mandate is to advocate for native issues.

"Not being involved is not the way you advocate in a situation where lives could be lost."

Jamieson was hard on the Lil'wat council, whom he felt were pressured by the Indian Affairs payroll.

"When a band council won't support its own people, many view this as selling out their own people for their own existence," he said.

Both Jamieson and Paul said the anger and resentment felt by many natives and non-natives would stimulate action by various groups.

Paul said the Saanich band, "indicated our full support of the Lil'wat movement at the outset, and will continue to do so both morally and financially."

He added several band members were already in the area, and four more were trying to reach the area Tuesday, though he feared difficulties for them with the RCMP and loggers.

The tribe members were answering a call from the Lil'wat band for moral and material support.

Jamieson said his group plans a meeting for Friday at 4 p.m. to discuss possible action, and had solicited a letter of support from the Canadian Federation of Students for the Lil'wat movement.

Jamieson added the group has a list of materials required by the Lil'wat, as well as a bank account number for monetary donations.

As well, the University of Victoria Anti-War Coalition will ask several native speakers to address the issue during the Feb. 14 teach-in. One of these will be Larry Bird, a native journalist who works regularly with CFUV radio on campus.

Paul felt many Canadians would support the Lil'wat movement, and would recognize natives have no other recourse than actions like those of the last few days.

"The government has all kinds of recourse to avoid these confrontations. Native people have done this out of desperation."❑

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SUB furniture

He did not think it was taking away business from the downstairs cafeteria.

"Peak times downstairs are still busy. The campus is just over-all short on lunch space, and I don't think it's a matter of taking business away from anywhere."

Webster said the new furniture cost $37,600.

Society split

Law students "want to separate from the UVSS and become an autonomous organization," said Cliff Chiu, a representative of the Law Students' Society.

But they will have to wait until the fall general meeting of the UVSS before their presentation can be heard.

Although the Law students had the required one per cent of law students' signatures required for the motion of separation to be brought before a general meeting, they failed to give the UVSS two weeks notice of the motion.

In addition, Law students have not yet spoken to the university's administration, which is a necessary step in a separation from the UVSS.

No more party

There will be no grad class social this year thanks to student apathy, but the Grad Committee has allocated two new bursaries.

Dave Bate, Graduating Students' Committee President said nothing had been done to organize the annual social.

The committee will give out two $250 bursaries, one to Environmental Studies and the other to Women's Studies, as well $13,800 to bring speakers for social justice to the Law Department.❑

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NEWS

On-campus housing will include all couples

by Jeanine Soodeen

The planned family housing complex for UVic will be open to same-sex couples, but homosexuality is still a sensitive issue among students living in residence.

Housing and Conference Services insures gay persons or gay couples are not discriminated against when applying for a room.

"We talk about couples period. We don't discriminate in any way," said Gavin Quiney, coordinator of Housing Services.

M. Stanley, a UVic Lambda Club member, said although Quiney promises there will be no discrimination there is no written agreement. The Lambda Club is the campus gay and lesbian group.

Quiney sees no need for such a document, "because I don't know if the people are gay or not and I really don't care."

The new family housing will be built at the corner of Sinclair and Finnerty roads, including 60 one-bedroom apartments and 120 two-bedroom townhouses; however, this project is pending funds.

"Most universities would want proof that they (couples) are committed to each other in a written agreement," said Quiney.

This is to prevent two people from trying to get into apartment housing by claiming they are gay.

Quiney does not see gays in residence as a problem. He said if residence students have problems, Housing Services would step in only if approached by the people involved.

Despite Quiney's stance, some students who live in residence see the situation differently.

"Res is such a public place it is hard to have anything that is private here," said a student who has been a Resident Advisor for three years. The student did not want to be identified.

One Resident Advisor lives on every floor in residence to supervise the students.

Advisors are more closely associated with residence life and may be more concerned about a gay person living in residence, for

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No one wants to move first for same-sex benefits at UVic

by Sherryl Yeager

Recognition of same-sex couples for insurance benefits is an issue no one wants to make the first move on at UVic.

Dorothy Forster, an employee at Food Services, said the option of providing coverage for her partner does not exist on the contract forms she signed.

"There was simply no option for discussing it," she said.

Only Manitoba, Quebec, Yukon and Ontario cover sexual orientation in Human Rights Legislation.

"There's a lot of same-sex couples at the university. In my situation and another I know of the partner is locked out because they can't afford to get coverage."

Forster said she felt the push for coverage from insurance companies should come from the union, CUPE locals 951 and 917 at UVic, and the university.

It is an issue which is often pushed aside because people don't think about it or insurance companies are afraid gay men are high-risk, she said.

Yet it is important, particularly for lesbian couples who often have two people making less money than couples where a man is at least one partner.

As for pushing the university to offer the coverage, which Acadian, U.B.C., Dalhousie and the University of Toronto now do, Forster is uncertain.

"It's one of those things you have to decide if it's worth the effort or not."

The university has never been asked to do so, and if it were the subject would be sent to committee before the insurance company would be approached.

"The univeristy has no official stance or policy on this issue," said Peter van der Leeden, director of Personnell Services.

"Normally what we do if coverage for a certain group is requested, is go to the benefits committee. If they come to consensus or agreegment the request is taken forward," he said.

"If extra costs are involved we go to the settlement groups."

He said requests for coverage would have to come from the individual or the union.

Union president Bill Johnston (local 951) said any request for same-sex coverage would be taken seriously by himself and the union, but there have been none in his three years as president.

He said the university, however, tends to be reserved on the issue.

Johnston said the university refused to include sexual orientation in the harassment policy when the union's contract was negotiated three years ago.

UVic deals with the B.C. Medical Servies Plan for employee health coverage and the Medical Services Association provides extended medical and dental.

The Association offer same-sex benefits, said company president John Seney, but only to groups or institutions who ask for it.

The Plan does not offer benefits to same-sex couples, a situation which is likely to change as provincial legislation is affected by challenges to the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The federal Court of Appeal went on record in the case of Veysey vs. Canada saying section 15 of the Charter covers same-sex partners, said Richard Friedrick, a legal researcher for the B.C. Council of Human Rights.

The only provinces that cover sexual orientation in their Human Rights legislation are Manitoba, Quebec, Yukon and Ontario. Institutions such as universities are private sector, and they are not covered by the Charter but by provincial Human Rights Acts.

The other provinces' acts

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UVSS Board Of Directors

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FEATURE

Victoria's gay community is too sedate, unobtrusive, and should loosen up

by Ian Robertson

When I sat down to write this article I was unsure exactly what it was I wanted to say. Coming out stories are common enough; and going through some previous Valentine's issues of the Martlet I found some eloquent articles of this sort.

There seemed little point in trying to redo what had already been done well. Someone suggested trying a local slant' in other words, what is it like being a fag at UVic and in Victoria?

Well, being gay here is pretty much the same as being gay anywhere else. I'm being only slightly flippant when I say this. There is, of course, a big difference between, say, Lloydminster, Saskatchewan and Montreal. Victoria, I suppose, falls somewhere between the two.

"What is it like being a fag at UVic...?"

The point is not that people themselves are so different from one place to the next, but there are more people in large cities than small ones. This means there will be more gay people too, which is obvious.

In a rather ironic way this is what gives Victoria its particular character. Even though Victoria is a reasonably large centre, one of the first things I noticed when I moved here was the unobtrusive, almost sedate, quality of the lesbian/gay community. No effectively organised political or social groups, let alone vocally militant radicals, here. People are quite content to pursue their lives quietly. After all, Vancouver is just a hop skip and a ferry ride away. Any fag or dyke who wants to be active can go over there.

With Vancouver so near Victoria is in some ways smaller than its population might suggest. After all, a city like Saskatoon, smaller than Victoria, has a more involved and prominent gay community. But then Saskatoon is the major population centre of its region. Victoria isn't, simply because it's too close to Vancouver.

None of this is in the way of criticism, mind you, just observation: Victoria's situation is determined by its geographical location.

This is evident in the difficulty of sustaining any organised gay community.

The local chapter of the Island Gay Society (IGS), the chief gay organisation on Vancouver Island, seems to be on its last legs, having apparently suffered from acute apathy for several years. Apart from the IGS, the only other gay/lesbian group in the city is the Lambda Club here at the university. The club is only in its second year and is very informally structured, mainly functioning as a social outlet and casual support group. Though it is definitely not one of the high profile clubs on campus, more people are finding out about it and showing up at the meetings.

Obviously, the gay and lesbian community in this city tends to be insular and invisible.

Actually I should talk about communities, because there are at least two, gay men and lesbians rarely having a great deal to do with one another. In any case, the tendency is toward unobtrusiveness. People consider themselves out' among their friends, but are hesitant to be out' in public. This is what a friend of mine calls an air-conditioned closet - not as lonely as the traditional closet perhaps, but still a closet.

The difficulty of `coming out' is not so much the actual act of telling someone, but the constant effort of 'being out' afterwards. Not that it's necessary to wear a sign saying FAG or DYKE; but it is a strain to constantly resist the temptation of playing straight when others make that assumption, which is most of the time. (Really, sometimes people have to be hit over the head before they actually realise that the person they're talking to is gay.)

"We've all been called names and been snickered at..."

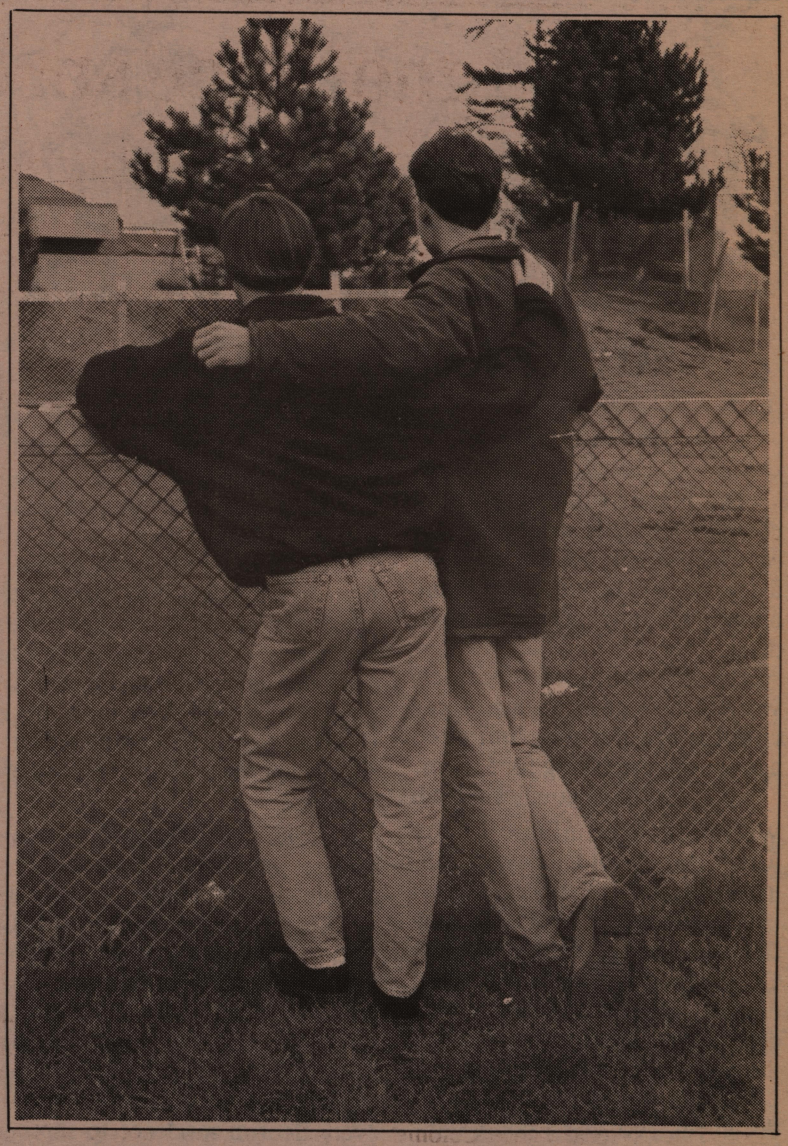
For most of us the effort of coping with any number of reactions ranging from mild surprise to thinly concealed aversion to blatant hatred sometimes just doesn't seem worth the trouble.

But this conscious choice to remain invisible is, I think, the worst form of censorship because it is self-censorship and ends up reinforcing society's non-acceptance of gays.

Why should I feel self-conscious about kissing my boyfriend or holding his hand in public? Fear, of course, and not just fear of physical violence, but also fear of being taunted, or even being noticed.

We've all been called names and been snickered at for one reason or another, and it's not pleasant, but I don't think it's good enough reason to pretend to be something we're not. Chances are, and I've noticed this in Victoria, it doesn't really matter to anyone if I hold another man's hand. Most of the time there's no noticeable reaction at all. Merely the fact it's an uncommon occurrence will tend to draw attention, but the only way past that is to make it less uncommon.

And the only way to do this is to be a bit less concerned about being noticed. So come on all you Victoria fags and dykes! I'm not asking you to fornicate in the streets, but loosen up and don't be afraid to show some affection! ❑



David offers tips

David is a 24 year old Fine Arts student in his second year at UVic.

David on the Lambda Club:

Well, to be quite honest, when I first got here the thought of a gay and lesbian club seemed stupid - as pointless as having a club for blondes. Just because I'm gay does not mean I will automatically identify with anyone else in the same boat. That's like saying, "X, meet Y. You're both straight so I know you'll get on famously." However, after a year of seeing "Fag-Free Desk," "AIDS Kills Fags Dead," and various other graffiti'd wisdom, it's nice to have somewhere on campus to go and be yourself.

*Tip for all you budding authors: faggot is in fact, spelled with two G's.

David on UVic:

When I first came to the University of Victoria it really didn't occur to me anyone would be uptight about homosexuality. I had been out of school for five years, and travelling in what might be referred to as "artistic" circles, if you get my meaning, so I really hadn't encountered any negativity. The level of ignorance surprises me, both in the faculty and the student body. Hopefully this is beginning to change.

*Tip for all you campus types who yell "Faggot": thank-you for your observation, I really wasn't quite sure.

David on identity:

This is obviously something very personal, something that will vary from person to person. I feel a very strong responsibility to myself to live my life as fully and enjoyably as possible, regardless of my sexual preference. Diana Vreeland once remarked she liked people who were "up to" their lives, and I identify very strongly with that sentiment. At age 17 a psychologist told me to accept myself and get on with my life, which is exactly what I'm doing. It always upsets me when I hear of people who decide to end their life rather than get on with it.

*Tip for queer-bashers: before you go ahead and beat someone senseless, consider how well you would have fared emotionally in their position.

David on AIDS:

To those who think this disease is a great subject for jokes and an even better way of killing faggots, I offer this scenario: a few of your friends pick up a bug of some sort while "sowing their wild oats." They get sick and rot away in front of your eyes without even seeing age twenty-five. Hilarious, isn't it?

*Tip for careless girls: you'd be surprised at how many strong, masculine straight boys have experimented on this side of the fence. Wrap it up, ladies, or you're playing Russian Roulette. ❑

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FEATURE

Ignorance spreads

Media slowly changing its attitude

by Sam Archer

As recently as May 1987, a columnist in the Ottawa Citizen called AIDS "the greatest natural tragedy in human history," comparing it to the Black Death of the Middle Ages.

In the African countries where AIDS is prevalent, it is a heterosexual disease. In Europe and North America, however, most people with AIDS (PWAs) are gay men, but the number of new cases among gay men is dropping as the disease slowly spreads into the larger heterosexual population.

The mainstream media is now paying more attention to the issues surrounding AIDS, and no longer dismisses it as a "gay plague."

This doesn't mean the media doesn't still scandalize AIDS. PWAs are still often called "victims" and the mainstream media can at times be almost morbidly fascinated with the subject, such as when the local Times-Colonist and other papers spent several days following the search for (and eventual arrest of) a local prostitute who had tested positive to the virus linked with AIDS.

Such coverage only encourages members of the general public to treat PWAs as pariahs, to draw away as the PWAs try to come to grips with a debilitating and life-threatening illness. Stories of people being evicted from apartments, fired from jobs, disowned by family, deserted by friends are not uncommon.

But, the major media is gradually adopting a softer tone, as it becomes apparent that AIDS, while fatal, is not about to wipe humanity off the face of the earth. Media support of AIDS-positive issues has even gone so far as to criticize Premier Vander Zalm for delaying the release of a video on AIDS prevention, and slamming the Minister of Health for suggesting that PWAs be quarantined. π

It is interesting, however, this more tolerant attitude has only developed as the number of non-gay PWAs has increased, and it is only since this time that substantial amounts of government funding for AIDS education and awareness programmes has become available.

Li Decosas, Executive Director of AIDS Vancouver Island, summed it up by saying:

"When you de-gay the disease, people start listening."

While gay men still constitute some 85 per cent of AIDS cases in North America, this is considerably less than what it was in the mid-1980s. Some 4,500 cases of AIDS have been reported in Canada to date - 860 in British Columbia. Just over 200 new cases were reported in B.C. in 1989; Ministry of Health figures show only 150 new cases in 1990.

One of the most effective methods of combatting AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases is by the use of condoms.

When you de-gay the disease, people start listening.

The question of whether or not to install condom machines in public schools has proven to be a touchy one, since many parents and teachers would rather pretend that their children didn't engage in sex - not realizing that teenagers and young adults are just as sexually active as their parents. In most instances, though, condom machines have been installed with little fuss.

Condoms have even become part of political marketing: the Socred candidate for Victoria-Hillside used condoms as a publicity tool during his nomination campaign last year.

People in the gay community were the first to set up groups to educate people about safer sexual practices and combat the spread of AIDS.

Across Canada, the gay community has listened: the number of new AIDS cases among gay men is decreasing, and the widespread use of condoms has had a significant side-benefit in lowering the number of cases of other sexually transmitted diseases (Monday magazine recently reported a 90 per cent drop in the number of reported cases of gonorrhoea).

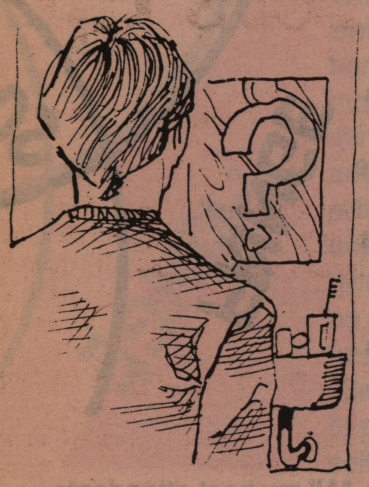
Focus is now shifting to other groups potentially at risk, such as street kids and women. For street kids in Victoria, an information distribution network has been operating since 1988, and a needle-exchange programme has been funded by the Capital Regional District since January 1989.

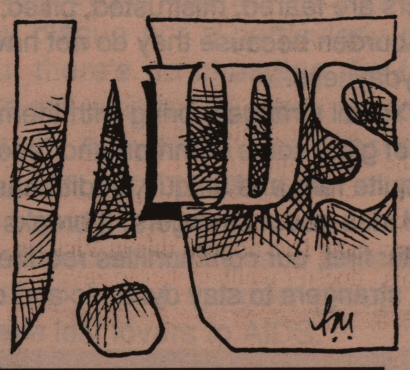
Women represent the group with the fastest growing potential for risk; a recent UBC study suggested up to 400 women in Greater Victoria may have the virus linked with AIDS, and increased attention is being paid to warning women of the risks of unprotected sex.

Even lesbians, previously thought to be a low-risk group, are being warned of the possible dangers of sex without a condom, finger cot, or dental dam.

As more potential risk groups organize to combat the spread of AIDS they'll find a lot of the ground work in developing education and support programmes has already been done by groups started by gay men.

Many of these new groups, according to Decosas, "can now get government funding, but aren't necessarily relying on previous groups' experience and have the potential of re-inventing





What's Safe? What's Not?

by Sam Archer

Safe
- massage, hugging, body-to-body rubbing
- social (dry) kissing
- voyeurism, exhibition, fantasy
- masturbation by yourself

Safe with a condom, finger cot, or dental dam
- anal or vaginal intercourse
- oral-genital contact (fellatio or cunnilingus)
- oral-anal contact ("rimming")
- anal or vaginal penetration with finger(s)

Probably safe (*depending on how you do it*)
- french (wet) kissing, heavy petting, mutual masturbation
- oral-genital contact (fellatio) if stopped before coming

Unsafe
- unprotected anal or vaginal intercourse
- swallowing semen or other body fluids
- sharing vibrators or other sex toys
- fisting, golden showers (because of the dangers of breaks in the skin)

For more information about safer sexual practices, please contact the people at AIDS Vancouver Island, at 384-4554. ❑

Common myths and truths About homosexuality

(from a pamphlet published by Gays and Lesbians of UBC revised and reprinted by the Lambda Club):

Myth 1:
People choose to be homosexual.

Truth:
Some heterosexuals have at times chosen to have sex with members of their own gender, and some homosexuals have at times chosen to have sex with people of the opposite gender, but this does not necessarily reflect their sexual orientation. The nature of sexual preference has been the subject of endless debate, but most gay people know they have no more chosen their sexuality than straight people have chosen theirs. Do those people who believe homosexuality to be a choice also believe that their own sexuality was also consciously chosen?

Myth 2:
Homosexuality is a disease.

Truth:
The general consensus among modern mental health professionals is that homosexuality is not in any way a disease and that any attempts at a "cure" are usually unproductive. The reasons why homosexuality exists are unknown, but the large number of homosexual people throughout the world and throughout history suggest it is just as "natural" a form of sexual expression as heterosexuality.

Myth 3:
Homosexuals are responsible for the AIDS epidemic.

Truth:
Most persons with AIDS today had no idea it was a serious problem at the time they were infected. One reason for this ignorance was that the United States government consciously ignored the AIDS epidemic at precisely the time when action was most needed. As a result, funding was cut to gay organizations attempting to educate the public about the disease. Despite the difficulties, the safer sex program ultimately succeeded, as is evidenced by the 95 per cent reduction of other sexually transmitted diseases in the San Francisco gay community. Homosexuals did not cause AIDS, but they have been instrumental in preventing the disease from becoming a much bigger problem than it is today.

Myth 4:
Homosexuality is contrary to Scripture.

Truth:
Actually, this is true. So is shaving, the eating of pork, and the wearing of clothing of mixed fibres. The fact is the Biblical arguments have been used to condone and condemn any number of human activities. The Bible is not a universally accepted religious document, and should not be used to impose a morality on those people who do not recognise its authority. An individual's beliefs are a private matter, and must be respected as such.

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A little radical personal perspective:

The Importance of Be

by Dorothy Forster

I originally intended to write a longish personal comment specifically addressed to local lesbians and/or feminists who might happen to peruse the February issue of *The Emily*. In my typical scatterbrained fashion, I missed the Emily's deadline. It's just as well, what I have to say is not "lesbian" or "feminist" specific and *The Martlet* does seem to reach a more varied audience than *The Emily*. (By reach I gleefully mean annoy!) Anyway, here it is, a little radical personal perspective from Dorothy the dyke, talkin' bout outsiders, community and coming out.

I came out to my world as a lesbian in the spring of 1989, four months before I moved to Victoria in hot pursuit of my lover Jude. Jude is a miracle, I met her at the very first gay/lesbian dance I ever attended, June 24, 1989. (Exactly 20 years after Stonewall; I was initiated with that treasured memory.) There was an unusual set of circumstances that brought me to that dance at the old Masonic Temple on Toronto's Younge Street (Oh those Masons are rolling in their graves, hee!).

I worked in Toronto for a women named Judith Snow, as her hands and feet. Hers don't work, at least not for moving her across a room or buttoning her shirts or holding her tea. Hiring people like me to serve her basic mobility needs is the solution Judith and her friends devised so that she can get on with her chaotic life. She's in high demand across North America as a consultant. More importantly, her friends need her.

Judith is not gifted with some everyday stuff like the ability to walk or hold her own toilet paper, and because of this fact she is considered a stranger, an outsider, by most people. (You can always tell when you or anyone else finds an individual to be a stranger. First thing that pops into your head when you see or hear of such an individual is a label: crazy, handicapped, criminal, retard, faggot. Professionals also give labels: paranoid schizophrenic, acute spinal muscular atrophy, Down's syndrome, alzheimer's disease. Judith's condition has a medical label, but I have chosen not to include it because I never refer to her in those terms. To do so would obviously invalidate what she is, my friend and teacher.)

Unfortunately we live in a very inhospitable milieux, a space and time where strangers are feared, mistrusted, pitied, and felt to be a burden because they do not have the "gift of everydayness."

Yet all strangers bring with themselves a myriad of gifts, some common and recognisable, others quite rare and unique. Judith has an unusual idea about strangers. It breaks down into two parts: first, our communities require the presence of strangers to stay dynamic and creative; second, ordinary everyday folk will figure out how to deal with the strangeness if they get the chance.

Susan Sontag speaks of the contribution that two fringe groups make to our culture in her article "Notes on Camp":

Jews and homosexuals are the outstanding creative minorities in contemporary urban culture.Creative, that is, in the truest sense: they are creators of sensibilities. The two pioneering forces of modern sensibility are Jewish moral seriousness and homosexual aestheticism and irony.

Jews and homosexuals are people that live very much on the edge, despite the protective ghettos they form and despite the fact they have far more access to schools, money, and power than any other fringe groups. Access to schools, money, and power did not protect them from mass slaughter 50 years ago, nor does it protect them from government harassment today. There's another way to detect strangers in your midst: check out their vulnerability to censorship, poverty, labelling, bureaucratic meddling, sterilization, drug therapy, rape, behavioral conditioning, abuse, murder.

The second part of Judith's idea, that ordinary, `normal' folk can and would want to have strangers in their communities and personal lives made a fantastic impact on me. It would take another article to give due comment, so I'll just say she makes a living telling people about this idea, and has raised eyebrows across the continent.

Judith recently remarked to me, "All my best attendants have been into raising hell!" It's true. Sparkly-eyed assumption challengers, all of us. Quite an astounding number are lesbians too. There's a connection in that.

It was liberation for me to get to know her attendants. The first time I visited one of them, in a lesbian/feminist/vegetarian/collective household, I ate some sort of rice/tofu dish, played with clay in the basement, petted the cat, and left euphoric, with incense lingering on my jacket.

Strange stuff for a woman who had grown up on the prairies with overstuffed big-flower patterned couches, meat on her plate every night, and ajax as the strongest household smell.

It was liberation to be living in a community where strangers were freely welcomed, they didn't seem to be strange any more. At the places I hung out there were Jews, Christians, street people, ex-cons, dykes, crips, university grads, illiterates, women, men, activists, kids. It was a hopping kind of place. The perfect place to come out.

This being *The Martlet*'s Valentine's issue, I should be talking about dating and romance from a lesbian perspective in Vic-

Labels and insults: "Just call me human"

by M. Stanley

"What's that?" asks the child pointing to a large green thing.

"A plant", "a tree", "part of a forest", "Picea glauwhatever" — I'm sure the tree, were it able, could not care less what it was called.

"Fag", "gay", "bent" — I too could not care less what label is thrown in my direction.

Not that this name calling is a regular occurrence, I haven't been verbally accused since I kissed my boyfriend in the streets of Montreal many years ago. This, at the time, bugged me. I thought, "I'm not a fag. I could easily beat the shit out of that guy."

My boyfriend read my thoughts, kissed me again and said, "And I'm damn glad you are a fag."

My realization of the ridiculous manner in which I reacted to these personal insults came about when I clued in the "attacker" didn't even know me.

How could they be "personal" insults? They were merely words thrown by ingrained prejudices, by ignorance, by insecurities.

Along with this realization came the knowledge these labels are nothing.

What is a fag (faggot)? I'm sure we've all, or know someone who has, looked it up in a dictionary. Hmmm ... not quite sure what that passer-by in Montreal intended.

Perhaps he meant to insult, put down, hurt. At the time he did. Now I would just smile, or perhaps take the advice of a friend who calls himself "Mr. Faggot" and just laugh out loud.

These so called labels and insults are only what each of us make them to be. Laugh at an insult and it is no longer a weapon.

Grover, with a wisdom surpassing his years, once said to his Seasame Street gang, "I like gooey peanut butter, you may not like gooey peanut butter but still we like each other."

If you are still looking for a label to lump all my fag and dyke friends and me into, try human. Just like you.

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toria. Unfortunately I know little about it. I found quite an array of cool faces when I arrived here and only now am developing internal fortitude to chip past the ice.

In the last 16 months I have collected four friends who are lesbians. These women share with me their experiences and I am delighted and pained. There's something interesting about them - they are all outsiders, separate from the established lesbian/feminist community here. Two have been strangers all their lives, always uprooted. One has always been labelled and "serviced" by the government as well.

Another friend moved here last fall not knowing a soul. One has recently fallen out of favour with some local feminists.

Here's the crux of the piece: most of the world finds our dyke presence gross, discomforting, and obscene. Most of the world - some of you readers out there - cannot fathom the idea that our lesbianism is a gift to ourselves and to you, that you need us this way. And we, growing up in this same world, learned how to exclude, learned to fear and despise strangeness the same as you.

The definitions of normal (which equals good, same as it did when we were kids) have changed for us. We're aware of sexism and racism and homophobia and those damaging things aren't normal any more. But we still shut each other out, we have our own labels we stick on people's foreheads.

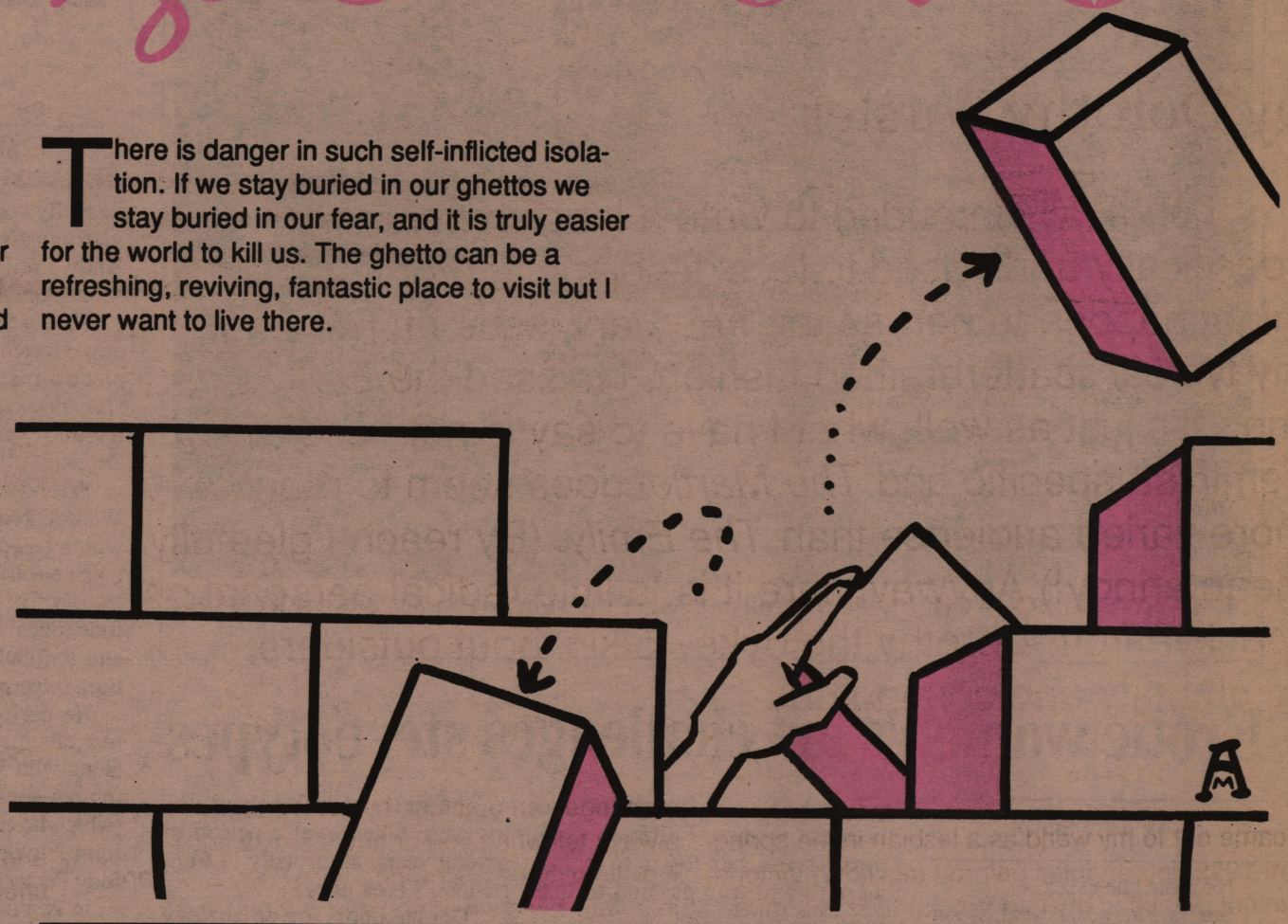
Small communities of people tend to self-destruct when the rules for belonging become too stringent: they devour themselves.

I am not saying all lesbians should like each other simply because we're lesbians. But if we are to be strong, powerful people with productive lives and a positive influence on this world, we must let that common denominator of strangeness inspire in us enough curiosity and respect to welcome other outsiders and even common straight white folk, the way we were not welcomed.

One example will suffice. Late last fall there was an issue of the local "lesbian news" which carried a notice from some women up-island, about a new get-together called "Lesbian Something." It was a coffee and discussion group. My hackles rose when the notice stated in no uncertain terms "straight" and "bi" women were not welcome. At the bottom of the ad, in terse little letters, it said "No Fascist Clothing."

What the hell is No Fascist Clothing? I haven't seen too many dykes around town in brown wool suits like Hitler wore. I have never phoned to find out exactly what was meant, it doesn't matter. The message was clear - no difference here, please.

There is danger in such self-inflicted isolation. If we stay buried in our ghettos we stay buried in our fear, and it is truly easier for the world to kill us. The ghetto can be a refreshing, reviving, fantastic place to visit but I never want to live there.



La Vie En Rose in Victoria
A Users Guide

AVI: Aids Vancouver Island - Aids is neither the gay plague nor a particularly gay disease, but there's no changing the fact gay men are still a high risk group. Anyone who is sexually active and has questions should call. The information is for everyone.
Of note for the community is a bereavement workshop and a support group for men who have lost lovers to AIDS.
Call: 384-4554

The Garden Baths: 660 Johnson Street - Yes bathhouses are alive and well and living in the heart of Victoria. Be warned there is no tub at our tubs but there is a sauna. $10 lockers, $12 rooms, $18/$28 double.
Call: 383-6623

Everywomen's Books: 641 Johnson Street - Lesbian literature from the intellectual to the amusing is available as well as events in the community.
Call: 388-9411

Hot Flashes Coffee House: 106 Superior Street - Monthly coffee house on a Friday night from 8-10pm. Feminist run but lesbian friendly.

Rumors Cabaret: 1325 Government Street - Bop till you drop at our very own gay dance club. Dancing, billiards and more attitude than you figure could fit in one basement. Note: male stripper on Thursdays, Lesbians beware and two for one Sundays with retro music. Special events and no cover so check it out.
Call: 385-0566

Lambda Club: UVic's own Gay and Lesbian club. Come out to the Wednesday night coffee house and see what your fellow students are up to. Discussion groups, house parties, skating, bowling and a dance are all coming up so drop by soon.
Call: 595-5455 Scott or Dorothy

Metropolitan Community Church: 140 Oswego Street - Church services every Sunday at 7 pm. Ministry for the community by the community.
Call: 385-5078 Steph

Out and About: Our own butch (and not so butch) woodpeople set off to the great outdoors. A new group with hiking, skiing, cycling and much more in mind. Give them a call, your ideas and enthusiasm.
Call: 595-4344 Scott

IGS: The Island Gay Society - Our community service organization. They run a weekly coffee house at 140 Oswego Street Sunday's from 8-10 pm. As well they support an information line, peer counselling as well as support groups.
Call: 361-4900

Radio Lambda: A spinnoff of the Lambda Club this is a half hour locally produced Gay and Lesbian radio show. Always in need of ideas, bodies and voices call and see what you can do. Or tune in Fridays 2 pm 102 FM.
Call: 595-5455 Dorothy, Judy or Scott

ENTERTAINMENT

EMOTIONAL SEX — Cyndra MacDowell and Kim Fullerton's self-portraits are a part of Open Space's *Bed of Roses*.

Erotic women's art challenges stereotypes

by Alisa Smith

No more cheap sex.

Sex is fun, sex is real, it isn't only for the beautiful people. Mature love. Erotic love. What arouses you?

Five women express their sexuality, breaking the boundaries of male-oriented pornography with their own images in the exhibit *Bed of Roses*, showing at Open Space gallery until Feb. 23.

The camera has long been the vehicle of male domination in our society's visual field. Cyndra Fullerton, one of the exhibiting artists and lecturer, asked herself, "If there was a female gaze, what would it be?"

She came up with some beautiful black and white images of love between women. Fullerton used herself and her lover to bring warmth and true passion to her work.

"Paid models may or may not even like each other. They're not having fun, they're just getting off," she said.

Susie King, another photographer, set up a small living room in the gallery for her slide show, *What I Really Want to Talk About Is* ... you guessed it. Sex.

Specifically, sex after kids, and how to do it. Black and white domestic images merge into one another, with mellow jazz like in a Spike Lee film to add sensuality.

Fairly explicit, this piece most strongly probes the question of art and pornography.

The lack of bodacious blondes leans it most definitely to the art side, to sexual realism. The subjects pictured are your typical, coming-on-to-middle-age heterosexual couple.

Erotica with a sense of humour - very important when you don't have that perfect body, and who really does?

In *Right Up My Alley*, Terry Constantino explores her sexuality within the patriarchal environment, "trying to break up the convention ... of the male gaze," Fullerton explained.

The series of lush colour photos were taken over a period of several years, all actually in Constantino's back alley.

"Garage doors are an analogy to sexual practice," Constantino said. Those shown in the exhibit have been spray-painted with such obviously male-produced slogans as "Girls Without Panties".

Constantino turns the tables by cutting a faceless male nude into the scene.

She says she is "attracted and repelled by many aspects of male sexuality" and responds to the environment in this biting commentary.

A blurred image of a nude woman covered with red smears is quite striking in front of some red garage doors.

"These doors also allude to what goes on behind closed doors," she said.

The beauty of the images gives a greater impact to the content, a display of what disturbs and what attracts.

Bed of Roses is a result of the Women's Sexual Imagery Project, a group formed in Toronto in 1987 as a protest against censorship in the production of sexual images from a non-conventional view point.

The exhibit continues at Open Space Gallery, 510 Fort St.❑

Dark-haired Blondes rock the Royal

by Oliver Ho

Hollywood pop-gothic vaudevillians Concrete Blonde and Andy Preiboy came to Victoria Monday night.

Their show at the Royal Theatre covered everything from new electro-piano weierdness to old L.A. pop-college rock to a country-and-western version of Led Zeppelin's "Whole Lotta Love."

Prieboy, ex-frontperson for Wall of Voodoo, opened the show with a half-hour solo performance on an electric piano.

"I've been around the world four times with Wall of Voodoo, and tonight is the first time I've been in your country," he said.

He performed songs from his new album, *Upon My Wicked Son*, along with Wall of Voodoo's only top ten song "Far Side of Crazy" (which he explained was based on John Hinkley Jr.'s love poetry to Jody Foster).

In response to a heckler (who yelled what sounded like "Mothballs!"), Prieboy launched into the jaunty c + w Led Zeppelin cover.

Prieboy's performance seemed lost on much of the crowd, who appeared to be in the mood for a smoke-machine Rock Show, and not his crypto-lounge singer performance, which was pompous at times, disarming and stunning at others.

He ended his show with "Tomorrow, Wendy," and Blonde's Johnette Napolitano sang with him.

Most of the people in the first few rows were in their teens, and rushed the stage early on in Concrete Blonde's show, during "Joey," and stayed there for the duration.

The band performed songs from their three albums, and covered Leonard Cohen's "Everybody Knows."

Their show demonstrated the trio's expertise and stage experience. It also showed just how Big they have become, with an unholy, woofing Rush-like smoke machine playing a big part in the performance.

Bassist and singer Napolitano was riveting and seemed to be having a lot of fun.

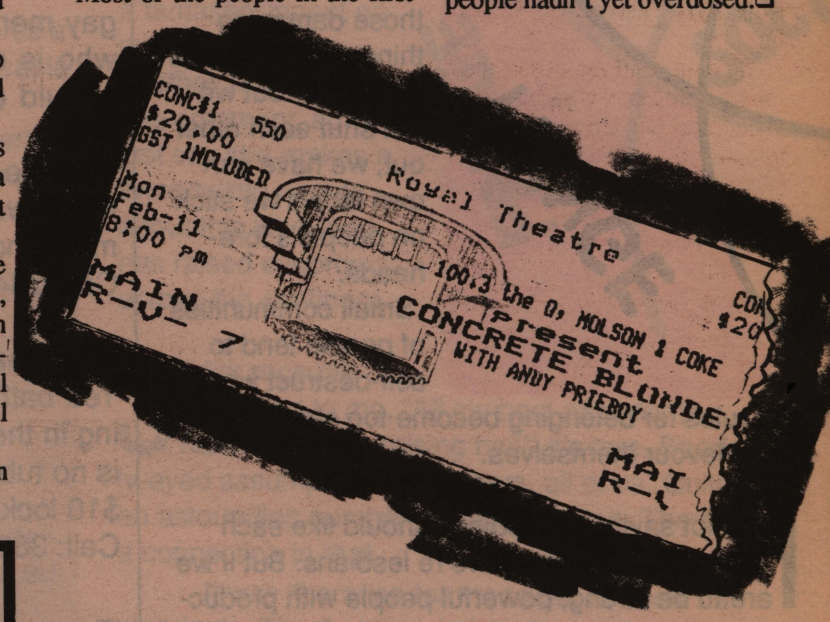
Napolitano built a good rapport with the audience, especially the people crammed into the pit in front of the stage.

Guitarist Jim Mankey was incredible, and looked super-introverted. His playing style caught a lot of attention, too; he looked like he smacked his guitar to pieces.

Their encore song was an incredible stretched-out version of "Still in Hollywood," from their first album, True.

The sound drew some criticism for being too loud, and for sometimes drowning out Napolitano's singing, which ranged from whispers to howls.

Overall, however, the show was weird, fast and fun, and gave a glimpse into just how cool the L.A. music scene was a few years ago, when Concrete Blonde was new, bands like X were still around, and the first wave of band people hadn't yet overdosed.❑



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ENTERTAINMENT

African band incites dance riot

by Andrew Williamson

With a burst of sound and colour, Mahlathini and the Mahotella Queens took the stage in the Unicenter Auditorium on Feb. 6.

That started a two hour show that had the audience dancing in the aisles.

The music was rich and full of variety, making it almost impossible to stay still.

Hailing from South Africa, the group has blended many styles of music to emerge with a distinct sound called `mbaquanga'.

The pioneering musical experience the group has gained over the past 25 years made the show an incredible experience.

CFUV manager Rob Egan called them one of the hardest working bands around, a statement proven with dancing and singing which would put the likes of MC Hammer to shame.

It was the Mahotella Queens who carried the show. Each voice was pure and powerful, their dancing spirited and infectuous.

Never lagging for a moment, they captured the audience and communicated their love of performing.

Mahlathini, hailed as the leader of the group, was unfortunately far from that in Wednesday's show. Perhaps it was an off night, but his lack-lustre performance was lost amidst the exuberance of the rest of the group.

The show began with a haunting gospel number about the "breaking of chains." The song riveted the audience as the beautiful voices rang throughout the performance space.

Moving from this stirring beginning, the group began the upbeat, sunny African music made famous by Paul Simon's *Graceland* album. Their style and delivery seemed more authentic and songs like "Follow your Roots" were heartfelt and honest. With many pieces in Zulu, it was a tribute to the band that language was never a barrier.

Later in the show, the band tried to get the audience to speak and sing Zulu. It took less encouragement to get about 100 of the 600 present up and dancing in the aisles.

The most unusual number was one simply involving whistles and dancing. Replacing words with whistle blasts, the Mahotella Queens vigorously hopped around the stage.

Soon it no longer seemed like a whistle being blown and more-like words to a long forgotten song.

Backed by a six member band, Mahlathini and the Mahotella Queens brought a taste of South Africa to Victoria. Urging the audience to dance allowed them to fully experince the power of their songs.

For those who stayed seated and annoyed at those of us dancing in the aisles: you missed half of the show and the real meaning of the music. ❑

Andrew Williamson

HEARTFELT SHOW — South Africa's Mahlatini and the Mahotella Queens took the Unicentre by storm, turning at least part of the crowd into a dance party.

Artsies go exhibitionist

by Andy Stonehouse

Fine Arts students will get a chance to come out of their dark and dusty rooms and expose themselves to the world this weekend as UVic hosts the ninth Annual Fine Arts Festival on Saturday, Feb. 16.

Students and faculty in theatre, music, creative writing and the visual arts will do their darnedest to entice the public with a full day of displays, performances and artistic shenanigans.

Best of all, it's all free - except the food and drinks.

At the Phoenix theatre building, students will be presenting scenes and songs from their upcoming performance of the Mikado.

As well, the Phoenix will be the headquarters for an all-day theatrical cabaret, with continuous entertainment and readily available adult beverages.

In the MacLarin B wing, film buffs can take in screenings of several student films, ranging from Sci-fi to video art.

Vancouver's hyper-sicko Lupo the Butcher cartoon will also be showing, along with a selection of new releases from the National Film Board.

Also in the MacLaurin, the School of Music promises a whole day of student performances, playing in both recital halls.

Over in the Visual Arts' M-Huts, second and third year student works will be on display in the main gallery.

Also in the M-Huts, beginning at noon, poetry and drama students from the Creative Writing department will be offering enthusiastic readings of their material, with food and drink available to round out the deal.

The day is a great opportunity for students from other parts of the university to get out and see what your artistic brothers and sisters get their marks from.

Activities take place from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. across the campus.❑

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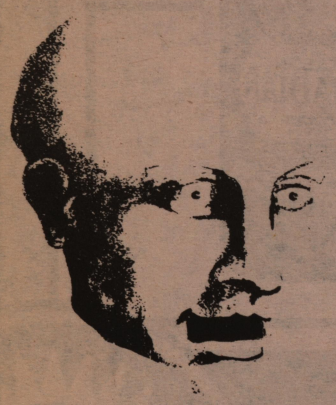

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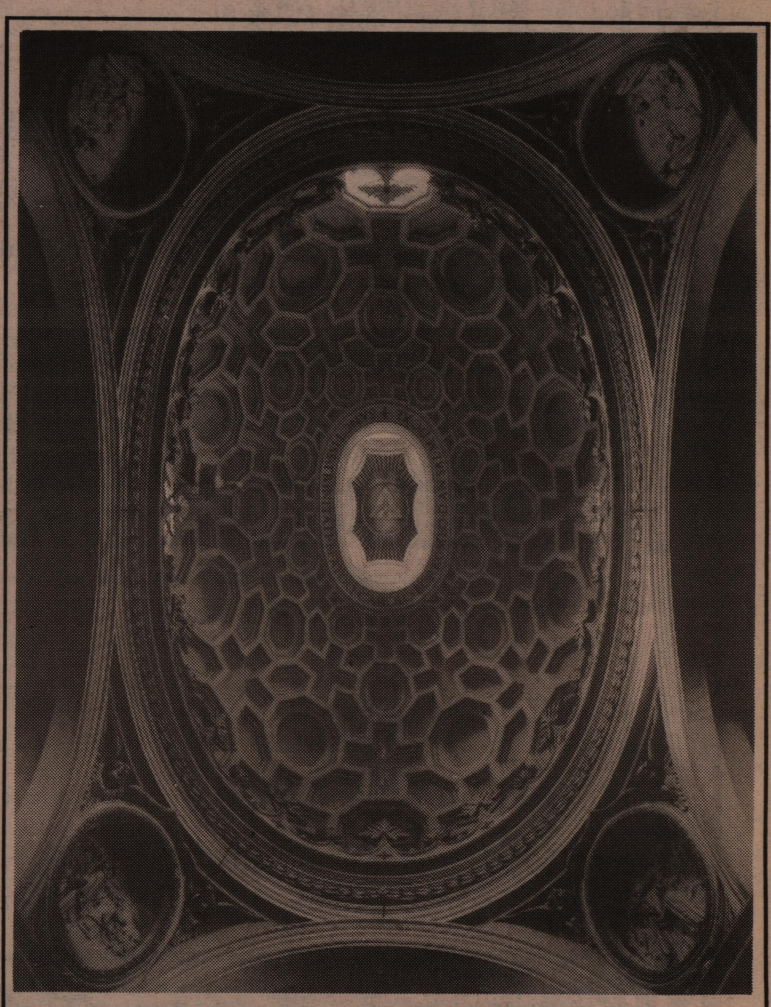

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ENTERTAINMENT

KATE & ANNA McGARRIGLE

FAMOUS FOLKSTERS — After a seven year hiatus from stage performance, Canada's McGarrigle sisters will thrill Victorians.

Canadian folk sisters return to Victoria

by Lisa Langford

Kate and Anna McGarrigle return to Victoria Feb. 23 after a seven year hiatus, but this time they won't perform in a candy-striped tent on the Inner Harbour.

This time the duo will appear at the less folksy Royal Theatre.

The change in venue reflects the newer, sleeker style of their new album, Heartbeats Accelerating.

The recording is a definite departure from earlier work. Instead of being chaotic, the new album is darker, with a stark sound.

The two sisters grew up in Quebec with a Quebecois mother and Irish-Canadian father. Their history is evident in their earlier offerings - a blend of French folk songs with Celtic tunes and reels.

Their quiet, steady stream of music has reached across the country and into the States, with respected artists like Linda Ronstadt and Emmylou Harris recording their work.

A change to a new record label - Private Music - and a new manager, James Cohen, who wasn't into the `artiste' pretentiousness common to the music industry, started the move toward a cleaner, darker sound.

Cohen suggested the McGarrigles work with Pierre Marchand, who has worked with bands like the Neville Brothers and Daniel Lanois.

Marchand's expertise with synthesizers and an IBM computer would at first seem contrary to the sisters' style.

However, the sound, while spare, is still acoustic. The McGarrigles' voices are clear and direct. Their lyrics speak to many people as they detail the loneliness of a single parent in "I Eat Dinner" or the empty nest syndrome in "I'm Losing You."

Many of the songs on Heartbeats Accelerating are derived from the experience of raising children while on their seven year break.

The McGarrigles are being presented in Victoria by the Whistling Gypsy Centre for Community Music. The sisters are the latest in a series of women performers brought in by the Centre, including Ferron.

Tickets are $15 for students and $17 for others, and are available at Mezzrow's Records and the MacPherson Box Office.

Two new shows by Canadian women premiere at Phoenix and Belfry

by Andy Stonehouse

Theatre lovers will have two more reasons to celebrate Valentine's Day, as both the Phoenix and Belfry theatres premiere two new shows by Canadian playwrights.

Thursday night sees the debut of *Play Memory* at UVic's Phoenix theatre, a play by Joanna M. Glass.

Glass is well-known as one of the originators of the 1960s' Playwrighters' Co-op, as well as for her plays *Artichoke*, *Canadian Gothic and American Modern*.

The story is a tragi-comedic domestic drama profiling the deterioration of a prairie family in the early 1950s.

Director Morgan Gadd says the play explores how one young woman looks back at her life and works to forge a truth of her own, understanding her family ties.

It's a serious show, but Gadd says Glass' wry sense of humour keeps things entertaining.

Thursday night will also see the much awaited Victoria premiere of Joan MacLeod's *Amigo's Blue Guitar*, opening at the Belfry theatre.

A co-production with Kelowna's Western Canada Theatre Company, the show is possibly the Belfry's riskiest play of the season.

The show is a challenging and provoking look at a young El Salvadoran refugee and his quest for peace and freedom in Canada.

A Central American refugee himself, Oscar Cruz stars as a young man with a horrible past, attempting to establish a new life with a Gulf Island family.

Andrew Sabiston, best known as Tom Edison on the CBC's Edison Twins, also stars as Cruz's Canadian host.

MacLeod's last show at the Belfry was the highly successful *Toronto, Mississippi*, and hopes are high for the new show.

The Belfry is making a special appeal to university students with a pair of reasonably priced Wednesday matinees Feb. 20 and 27. The special shows begin at 1 p.m., and with tickets at only $5, reservations are suggested.

Special $8 student tickets are also available for most performances of *Play Memory*.

Both shows run until March 2, but with the anticipated demand for both, it's best to buy tickets early.

America's gay past explored on screen

by Andy Stonehouse

A candid and entertaining look at the hidden history of the American gay and lesbian community makes its debut at Cinecenta on Feb. 18.

Before Stonewall: The Making of a Gay and Lesbian Community, is an Emmy award-winning documentary which takes an informative look at the homosexual experience in America up to 1969, when riots in New York brought the gay movement to the forefront.

Mixing documentary footage and interviews, *Before Stonewall* traces the roots of the American gay and lesbian community, images mostly hidden from the mainstream until recent decades.

From the mad openness of the Roaring 20s to the ugly darkness of McCarthy's 50s, the film provides a living portrait of a dynamic group of people.

A key focus is the plight of homosexuals in the armed forces. After the relatively-permissive acceptance of gays and lesbians during World War II, dishonourable discharges and forced exposure became the norm during the 1950s.

The film shows how the draconian UnAmerican Activities committees began a virtual witchhunt on sexuality, labelling homosexuals in government office as being "as dangerous as communists."

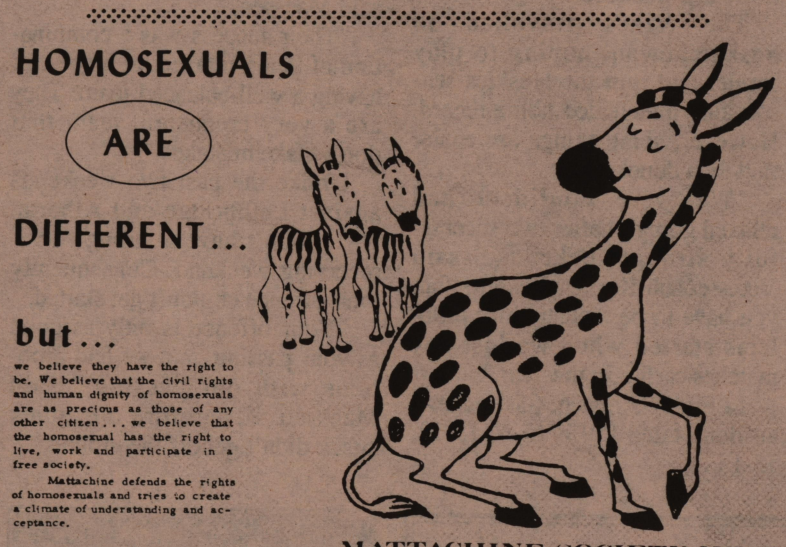
Also explored are the beginnings of the Mattachine Society, a secret organization formed to promote a positive and tolerant image of gays and lesbians, as well as help people come to terms with their own sexuality.

The film provides a remarkable examination of how things have changed over the years and, unfortunately, how many things haven't.

The San Francisco Examiner called the movie "an absorbing, shocking, revealing, humorous and thoroughly compassionate documentary."

Directed by Greta Schiller and researched by Andrea Weiss (who both picked up Emmys for their work on the film), *Before Stonewall* helps to show that gay people are indeed everywhere, but have been hidden from view.

Before Stonewall plays at both 7:15 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Monday.❑



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SPORTS

Sterotyping fails in tolerant faculty

by Damian Shaw

Contrary to stereotypes about athletics, the McKinnon Gym is one of the most tolerant places on campus, says one gay student.

Scott Wilson is a gay second year student at UVic, and an amateur triathlete.

He trains at the McKinnon facilities. People in the athletic community, he said, accept his homosexuality easier than those in other disciplines on campus.

"UVic is a very low key university and I find I have to hit people over the head before they'll react to my sexuality," said Wilson.

Wilson said wearing a T-shirt boldly proclaiming "That's Mr. Faggot to You," triggered no reaction or disapproval at McKinnon.

As well, Wilson has found any posters he displays throughout the university advertising the Lambda club are not defaced as often in McKinnon as they are elsewhere.

The positive attitude also extends to the gym's administrative staff.

"The facility is open to all students, faculty and staff members and to my knowledge there have been no incidents of concern on this issue," said Jim Hays, facility manager at McKinnon for the past eight years.

In general Wilson feels at ease at UVic and says his only complaint is other homosexuals on campus are reluctant to 'come out' with their sexuality. ❑

Vikes best in the west

by Guy MacPherson

The UVic women's basketball team continued its domination over Canada-West conference opponents last weekend with a pair of wins against the University of Saskatchewan.

UVic humiliated the Huskies Friday, 94-60, then crushed Saskatchewan on Saturday, 108-41.

The Vikes out-rebounded Saskatchewan 28-14 Friday.

Shannon Conway led all scorers with 20 points, five rebounds and four assists. Jenny Sutton scored 14, while Sandi Begg and Tara Gallaway finished with 13 points apiece.

Friday's affair was a nail-biter compared with Saturday's comical victory. It was a game of sprinting. Unfortunately for the Huskies, UVic did all the running.

After 12 minutes of play, the Vikes led 38-2. But the Huskies stuck around while UVic led 62-20 at halftime, and held a comfortable 60 point cushion for most of the second half.

The Vikes couldn't miss, shooting 62 per cent from the floor, while the Huskies made only 35 per cent of their shots.

The only weakness for UVic came at the free throw line, where the team made only 19 of their 29 attempts. But when the opposing team makes only three free throws all game, you don't get picky.

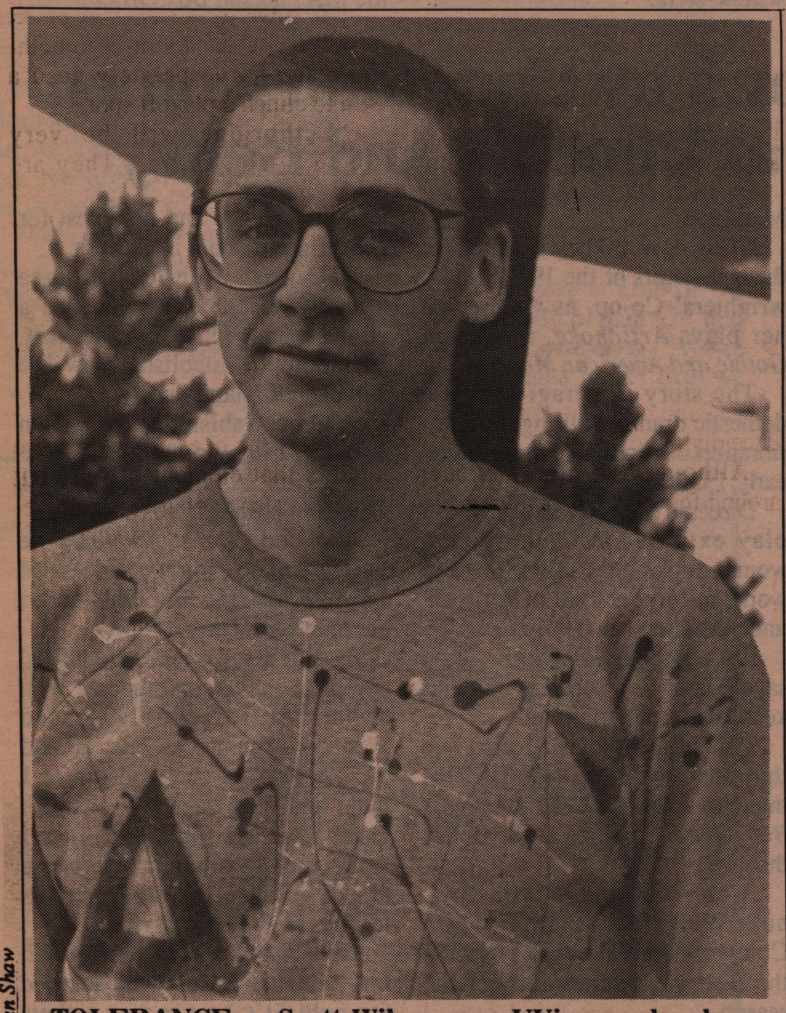
Saturday's contest was the last regular season home game for three graduating Vikes. They were the leading scorers.

Conway, who coach Kathy Shields calls "the best sixth 'man" in the country," led with 27 points. Boucher, "the most versatile player we have. She does everything," scored 19 points, grabbing six rebounds and dishing out six assists. And Begg, "our MVP of the season," had 14 points and six assists.

Sutton and Heather Bohez completed the double-figure scoring for UVic with 12 and 11 points respectively.

The Vikes improved their conference-leading record to 17-1. Calgary is second at 15-3. With two games left in the season, UVic must come away with at least a split this weekend in Calgary in order to gain the home-court advantage in the play-offs.

UVic is currently ranked third in Canada while Calgary is sixth. ❑



Damien Shaw

TOLERANCE — Scott Wilson sees UVic as a low key place, and hasn't faced much disapproval over his sexuality.

Vikes can't contain Huskies

by Ryan Buchanan

Once again, the Saskatchewan Huskies certified their claim as the top women's volleyball team in the Canada-West league against UVic last weekend.

The Vikes travelled to Saskatchewan, hoping to play spoiler and ruin the Huskies season-long undefeated home record. However, some things are easier said than done.

"We were confident and relaxed going in after two successfully strong weekends," said Vikes coach Karin Maessen, "but you have to be realistic; our problems started when we lost key matches earlier in the year."

In Friday's match, Saskatchewan dominated UVic 15-6, 15-12, 15-13.

Saturday's outcome was similar, but the scores were decidedly closer and reflected rougher competition. The games ended with 15-11, 15-9 and 15-23.

"They have the experience to win those critical, extra points," said Maessen.

"Their success was a combination of being relaxed, at home and having a well-balanced team. They are a very consistent team that don't make mistakes."

Unlike the past two weekends against Lethbridge and Alberta, UVic didn't have a strong serve-receiving weekend. Consequently their offence couldn't get started.

"Your offence is only as good as your passing, and we had problems with our passing," said Maessen. "Therefore our quick attack didn't get off the ground."

The two losses drop UVic's record to a respectable 10 and 8 while Saskatchewan upholds the number one position in Canada West at 16 and 2.

For the Vikes, the season is not yet over as the Calgary Dinos visit McKinnon Gym this weekend in the last home stand of the season. The Vikes and Dinos have been neck and neck all year long for third place in Canada West.

For three UVic players, the upcoming Calgary matches symbolize the last opportunity to play on home court. Vike co-captains Lisa Cepeliauskas and Renee Beaumont and power hitter Mo Odland are graduating seniors from UVic.

The women's matches will be played at 6:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. ❑

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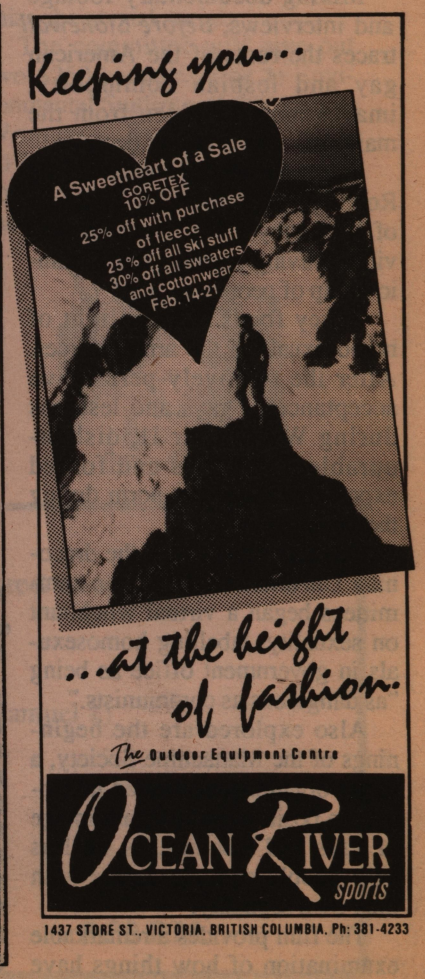

SPORTS

Teams continue to dominate at home

by Chuck Bennett

Home court advantage remains everything in Canada-West.

After struggling on the road for the past two weeks the UVic men's basketball squad returned home to take on the University of Saskatchewan Huskies.

The Huskies, fresh off a big victory over first place UBC, invaded McKinnon Gym in search of another upset. But as dictated all season in Canada-West, the home team came away ahead.

The Vikes were simply too strong for the smaller and younger Huskies, bombing them 105-80 on Friday night and 106-92 Saturday.

On Friday the Huskies jumped out to an early 13-4 lead. Unfortunately for the Huskies it was the only lead they enjoyed as the Vikes answered with a 14-2 run, grabbing a lead they wouldn't relinquish.

Four Vikes scored in double figures. Spencer McKay led the way with 34 points followed by teammates Tom Johnson with 19, Dave MacIntosh with 15, and Dave Leschied who added 14 points.

The Huskies, however, were impressive despite the 25 point loss with some thundering slam dunks.

Doug Wegren took the ball to the hole with authority a couple of times while leading the Huskie attack with 15 points.

Saturday was probably our worst defensive outing of the season.

Blair Garneau also added 15 points but it was Huskie leading scorer Matt McCullogh who surprised the packed house when he pulled up and missed a three point shot on a wide open breakaway. McCullogh notched 13 points.

The next night began much the same.

The Huskies jumped out to a quick lead only to have the Vikes come back and take the lead for good.

But it wasn't exactly the same. After being behind by 21 points at half-time the Huskies began chipping away at the Vikes' lead.

They brought the game to within nine points a number of times but every time they got close UVic's backcourt tandem of Johnson and MacIntosh regained the lead with a three pointer.

Johnson had an exceptional night for the Vikes. He went seven for 12 from the three point range, and finished with a game high of 30 points.

McKay added 24 points to UVic's attack, while MacIntosh and Leschied finished with 13 and 12 points respectively.

McCullogh paced the Huskies with 20 points followed by Garneau who had 17.

Despite what seemed to be impressive victories, Vikes coach Guy Vetrie wasn't exceptionally pleased with his team's performance.

"In the first half on Friday night we executed well and got a lot of people involved in the offence," said Vetrie.

"But Saturday we groped around on offence and we had too many defensive lapses. Saturday was probably our worst defensive outing of the season."

The Vikes go back on the road for their last games of the regular season when they travel to Calgary to face the Dinosaurs.

The Dinos have been eliminated from playoff contention and will be without their best forward, Andrew Vaughan, who is out with a thumb injury.

But even though the Dinos are down and out Vetrie is not expecting an easy weekend.

"They have nothing to lose, they are going to be relaxed and having fun," he said. "That kind of a team is always dangerous."

It's a lot harder to win a tight game when you're on the road.

Playing on the road has been disastrous for teams in Canada-West all season. The UBC Thunderbirds and the Vikes have suffered all their losses on the road.

"It's a lot harder to win a tight game when your on the road," said McKay. "If you're down by four or five points late in the game you don't have a very good chance of winning."

Vetrie also emphasized how hard playing on the road is.

"Playing at home is playing at home," he said. "How many times do the Oilers lose at home or the Canadians? Every time the Vikings or the Thunderbirds lose on the road everyone asks what's wrong. "There are no weak teams in this conference and if you're not on the top of your game every night your going to lose."

The Vikes are going to have to be on top of their game because they need to win both games against Calgary if they hope to stay in the fight for first place with UBC.

One advantage the Vikes might have is UBC has to travel to Lethbridge, who desperately need a win to clinch a playoff spot.

"Lethbridge will be very tough," said Vetrie. "They are fighting for their lives right now." ❑

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2.	**Victoria**	2.	Regina
3.	Guelph	3.	**Victoria**
4.	UBC	4.	Winnipeg
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6.	St. F. Xavier	6.	Calgary
7.	U.P.E.I.	7.	Lethbridge
8.	Brandon	8.	Toronto
9.	McMaster	9.	Western Ontario
10.	W. Laurier	10.	McMaster

Men's Swimming		Women's Volleyball	
1.	UBC	1.	Manitoba
2.	Toronto	2.	Saskatchewan
3.	Alberta	3.	York
4.	Calgary	4.	Winnipeg
5.	McMaster	5.	Calgary
6.	Laval	6.	UBC
7.	Western	7.	Regina
8.	Manitoba	8.	**Victoria**
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		10.	Laval

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1.	York	6.	Toronto
2.	Windsor	7.	UBC
3.	Manitoba	8.	Calgary
4.	Saskatchewan	9.	Laval
5.	Western	10.	**Victoria**

Divers spring into action

by Chuck Bennett

The UVic Diving Club plunges into action with its upcoming development diving meet on Feb. 24.

Club President Eric Wolf said the meet will be different from an ordinary meet because it is more recreational and will have a wide range of people involved in it.

"There will be a lot of adults and kids involved," said Wolf.

"We are really trying to develop diving on the Island and this meet will hopefully get more people involved in the sport."

UVic has invited clubs from Washington State and Vancouver and should have some exciting competition.

"There will be a wide range of dives at the meet," added Wolf. "You will see everything from a simple back dive to twisting two and a half front somersault dives."

According to Wolf the most difficult dive is what is known as a gainer.

"A gainer is a reverse dive where the diver comes back towards the board on the dive."

"The club belongs to the Canadian Amateur Diving Association but this meet is not sanctioned by them," said Wolf.

"We cheated a little on the rules so we could open it up to more people," said Wolf.

The aim of the meet is to introduce diving to Victoria.

Although the club has been around for 15 years, diving is relatively unknown here.

"Diving is an up and coming sport in Victoria," said Wolf. "The Commonwealth games will really develop diving in this town."

"Everyone likes diving because there's that element of risk, but diving is also very artistic and creative."

The meet will take place Sunday February 24 at McKinnon Pool, beginning at 10 a.m. ❑

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FRIDAY 15

—Music—

THE SWEATERS are still groovin', same time, same place. For a little variation, SunDogSun is the opening act.

MEDIEVAL CONCERT featuring works by Guillaume de Machaut for vocal and instrumental ensembles. 8 p.m. in the Recital Hall (MacLaurin). Tickets $5 for students, at the door. Info: 592-6580.

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FRIDAYMUSIC - School of Music students perform works for various instruments, free at 12:30 p.m. in the Recital Hall (MacLaurin).

—Art—

GALLERY 1450 presents an exhibit of Art Thompson, and internationally recognized Nuu-chah-nulth artist. Continues until Feb. 25 at 1450 Douglas.

—Workshop—

TRANSITION TO TOMORROW - a weekend forestry conference here at UVic to allow community groups at the grass- roots level to question allocation of resources and discuss options. For registration and information call 721-7355.

SATURDAY 16

—Music—

CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES - faculty members perform selections from the 19th and 20th centuries, including the sensual *Chansons Madecasses* of Maurice Ravel. 8 p.m. in the Recital Hall (MacLaurin Building). Tix, 721-7903.

—Arts—

UVIC FINE ARTS FESTIVAL presents free plays, musical performances and exhibitions. Activities for the kids too. The public is welcomed to the Phoenix Theatre, MacLaurin Music Wing and Visual Arts building starting 10 p.m. Info: 721- 7641.

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—Community—

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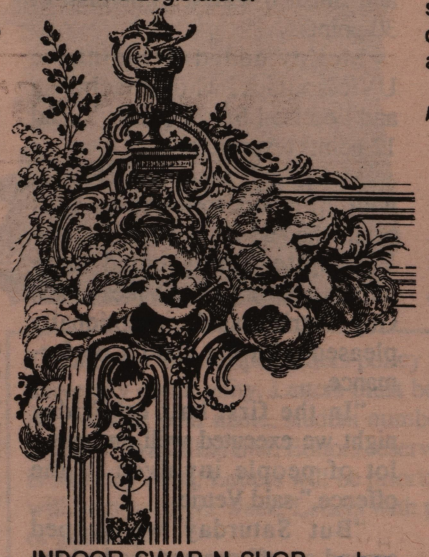

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TUESDAY 19

—Seminar—

ENERGY CONSERVATION for Urban Housing - Jay Lewis of B.C. Hydro discusses methods and alternatives available to Victorians in the future. 8 p.m. in Begbie 159, students $1.

CIRCUMNAVIGATION of Vancouver Island by Kayak - Dan Lewis, kayaker extraordinaire, presents spectacular shots and great stories of his experience. Free admission at Ocean River Sports at 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY 21

—Seminar—

BEYOND THE BLUE BOX - Are you recycling as much as you can? Are you using environmentally safe cleaning products? 7 - 9 p.m. at the Shoreline Community School. Free admission, call 386-8367 to register.

—Ongoing—

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CLUBS CALENDAR

UVIC ANTI-WAR COALITION Anti-war coalitions are forming throughout North America and the UVic coalition meets every Wednesday in the Cinecenta at 12:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

STUDENTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION (S.E.A.) CLUB meets Sunday nights at 8 p.m. in the Wallace 150 Lounge (Gordon Head Res complex). Join us if you'd like to see things a little greener. Info, 384-9426.

ASSOCIATION OF FOREIGN AND CANADIAN STUDENTS invites you to join us in our annual Valentine's party, Friday Feb. 15, 6 - 9 p.m. Cornett A121. Pizza and drinks available.

POW - Peace Organization of Women meets Fridays at 10:30 a.m. in Clearihue A206. All welcome.

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THE IMAGINATIVE FICTION SOCIETY Every Monday night at 7:30 p.m. we meet in Clearihue B215 to read original works, create Round Robins, read published works, carry on and plan our fun- filled social events. For more information, attend one of our amazing mind-expanding meetings. See you there!

CHILDREN WITH LEUKEMIA are alive today because of an antidote found in a rainforest. Yet, the rainforests are destroyed. Do something now, call the SIERRA CLUB Tropical Rainforest Committee. 385-5936.

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION Weekly general meetings, Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. in Cornett B107.

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UVIC PCs - meet every Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. in Clearihue B315. Call 386-4149 or 727-0810 for more info.

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KARATE Experience rigorous traditional Japanese training with the UVic Wado-Kai Karate club (beginners welcome)! We meet Tuesdays 9:30 to 11 p.m. in the McKinnon apparatus room. For more information, phone Kraig at 721-3387 or Brendan at 479-2629.

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♥♥♥ PSSST . . . VALENTINE ♥♥♥

PAUL, you know it turns me on when you quote poetry in a dark cafe and smoke foreign cigarettes. Tonight, I'll be the one with the rose in my teeth. Oh baby, can you tango?

D'ARCY, we love you very much. Bundy and the Witch.

LAURA was a little lamb, little lamb ... H.V.D. baby!

I LOVE the taste of Wintergreen. S.M.

HAPPY Valentine's Day, Dong Ching.

TO SILVA:Love you now, love you ever, chance of change, never, never.

HAPPY Valentine's Day Bear! I love you! Love, Silly Bear.

DAVE in English Education who almost lost James' Jetta in a game of pool with two "mere" women a year ago at Breakers:we want a rematch! Meet us there some Saturday night or send us a message through Georgia Strait Personals. Medley and Lorne.

B.F.W.O. This feels familiar, yet it's so much more. Love Tee.

OH A.G., how sweet you are (not bad for someone forbidden from sweets, anyway ...)

HAPPY Valentine's Day Mr. 24 Hours. Wish I could be there with you. Love, Sleepy-Head.

LARISSA:Happy Valentine's Day to the world's most beautiful girl. Tim.

TELL LAURA I love her ... Shaun.

P.W. Happy Valentine's Day Cutie!

Every time I think about you "The List" gets longer - we better get together soon so we can shorten it. Love ya, J.M.

BEDBUSTER TIM:you sexy devil from Poupor, I love you.

CHERYL C. I could lose myself in your honey-eyed gaze.

BLUE DAFFODILS ... (?!)

HEY NUTRASWEET! (How graphic can I get?) XO to AM from AG.

TO MY CUB BUDDY:Happy hearts and musical buttons, will you be my mom's Valentine? Love Victor.

YOU COULD try a watered down version. R and H.

D.L. "I'd never ask for another." R.C.

"WELL, it is my birthday."

S.W. Our moments of passion were beyond compare. Your redhead.

OH DICKENS! A poor movie and an anti-climax!

ONYA, please call me. Hamish.

HAPPY Valentine's Day to my Pooh-Bah. Love your resume co-ordinator.

OPUS and Susie be eating ice cream all day long.

CLUBS CALENDAR

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THE FENCING CLUB meets Saturdays from 1 - 4 p.m. in the McKinnon Dance Studio. Membership is $25 per semester. All levels of fencers are welcome - from absolute beginners to veteran competitors. All equipment provided, but bring runners, sweat pants and a change of t-shirt.

VIPIRG Get involved in the Vancouver Island Public Interest Research Group! Come to SUB 144 and find out how you can participate in any of the following committees: Housing, Recycling, Transportation, Sexual Harassment, Green Campus, and Reproductive Technologies. Phone 721-8629 for confirmation of times.

WANT TO DO SOMETHING to improve telereg? overcrowding? international student concerns? Well then ... why not join the UVSS Students' Issues Action committee? SUB 137A, Fridays at 1:30 p.m., or call Elizabeth at 721-8369.

MEN AGAINST RAPE - meeting Friday 11:30 a.m. in SUB 137 or Resource Centre. Campaign organizing, material production, etc.

LAMBDA CLUB COFFEEHOUSE for gays, lesbians and their friends meets Wednesdays, 7 - 9:30 p.m. Cornett B344 (or when possible, Cle C305). For more information phone 595-5455 (Scott or Dorothy) or 361-4900 (Island Gay Society).Everyone welcome.

ENVIRONMENTAL YOUTH ALLIANCE wants to hear your concerns. Make a difference. For information, call 721-0666.

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES STUDENTS ASSOCIATION holds weekly meetings on assorted projects, ideas, and synergistic foci. Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m. in Cornett B107.

UVIC JIVE AND BALLROOM DANCE CLUB meets Sundays 6:30 - 10 p.m. in the SUB Upper Lounge. If you're serious about having fun - don't miss it! Jive, Cha-cha, Tango, Waltz, and more. No partner or experience needed!

KAYAK CLUB Meetings and pool sessions in McKinnon pool, Fridays, 8:30 to 10. Call 721-3987 for information. Come one, come all.

SCUBA DIVERS the UVic Scuba Club meets every Monday, 12:30 p.m. in Elliott 161. Speakers, courses, charters, trips, and discounts. All certified divers welcome. Check out our SCUBA bulletin outside Cunningham 146.

ADVENTUROUS? OUTGOING? FUN-LOVING? Join the UVic Outdoors Club: hiking, camping, skiing, mtn. biking, rock climbing, canoeing, socials ... some great trips planned for reading break. Meeting every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in Elliott 062. All welcome. Info: Jono at 477-3364.

MATURE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION is working to articulate mature student concerns. Phone Russ Williams, UVSS vp services, at 721- 8369.

FRIDAY MUSLIM PRAYER Salat-ul-juma is held from 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the UVic Interfaith Chapel. Info: 658-4320 or 381- 6868.

UVIC REC CHOIR meets every Thursday at 4:30 p.m. in MacLaurin A166. All singing voices welcome! NO auditions req'd.

SRI CHIMNOY MEDITATION GROUP is meeting Mondays at 6:30 p.m. and Fridays at 3:30 p.m. in Clearihue B446. If you're interested in meditation and the philosophy of spiritual teacher Sri Chimnoy, please join us. Beginners welcome! For more information phone Claudia at 598-2085.

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both the homosexuals and heterosexuals in conflict.

The advisor said residence, a student's home, is the home of 1,199 other people. It is hard to find privacy. Everyone shares toilets, sinks and showers.

"I've noticed in the past in res that if you're different you can get painful reactions from people and can be hurt," said the Advisor.

"That can be a very unhealthy experience, and very lonely."

"I don't think that if they (gays) lived in residence that they would be willing to come out because it is such a close, tight community."

Also, the younger residents are more close-minded, and would be less likely to accept somebody with a different sexual preference than their own, said the res advisor.

"A lot of these kids are straight from the shelter of Mom and Dad."

If this is the case these residents will apply many misconceptions and fears about homosexuals, the res advisor added.

"You're going to get opposition wherever you go, but here it is so concentrated. Maybe by coming out it can open the minds and eyes of a few people."

A negative reaction would discourage other homosexuals from coming out, the advisor said, but a positive reaction might encourage more people to come out.❑

Same sex insurance

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The other provinces' acts define harrassment based on sex, but not sexual orientation. A case between the Board of Governors of the University of Saskatchewan and the province of Saskatchewan found sex does not include sexual orientation.

Friedrick said the door has been opened for challenges to the Charter because sexual orientation is covered in it, but not in the provincial acts.

Successful challenges will result in a need for provinces to rewrite their Human Rights legislation, he said.

"It is only a matter of time before legislation across Canada comes into line."❑

Overcoming ignorance

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the wheel" if they aren't careful.

AIDS Vancouver Island was established by five gay men back in 1985.

"I'd like to see the media look at what the gay community has contributed to combatting AIDS, and its openness to support from not only gay people, but heterosexuals, women, and other groups," Decosas said.

As people become more informed about the issues surrounding AIDS, it may be AIDS will have contributed to the more wide-spread acceptance of homosexuality in our society, as people become more at ease discussing their own (and others') sexual practices and experiences.

People wanting more information about AIDS prevention and safer sexual practices can contact AIDS Vancouver Island at 384-4554. ❑

More myths and truths

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Myth 5:
Homosexuals are paedophiles.

Truth:
Most child sexual molestation is heterosexual. Furthermore, there is no connection between the gay community and the sexual abuse of children. The gay community consists of men and women who are attempting to find a positive expression for their sexuality, and paedophilia is as repulsive to homosexuals as it is to heterosexuals. While homosexuality does not lead to paedophilia, the systematic oppression of any person's sexual nature can lead to destructive sexual inclinations, and the oppression of homosexuality is no exception.

Myth 6:
AIDS is God's judgment against homosexuals.

Truth:
Many people believe that receiving blood products is contrary to Biblical principles, yet few would suggest that AIDS is also God's judgment against haemophiliacs! If God wanted to pass judgment against homosexuals, surely there would be a way of doing so without also taking the lives of thousands of children and heterosexuals.

Myth 7:
There is a distinct homosexual lifestyle.

Truth:
There is as much variety in gay lifestyles as in heterosexual ones. Gays and lesbians can be single, in long term relationships, or married. They can be rich or poor. They can be fashionable or tasteless. They can be promiscuous or celibate. They can have children. They can live alone, with their parents, with their lovers, or in groups. They can live in cities, suburbs, or in the country. They can be doctors, priests, prostitutes, truck drivers, mathematicians, office clerks, football players, drag queens, or unemployed lumberjacks. Some are clean shaven, some have beards, and there are even a few lesbians who don't have to shave at all.

There is no such thing as a homosexual lifestyle.

Myth 8:
Lesbians are "butch", and gay men are effeminate.

Truth:
These ideas arose from early studies of homosexuality equating homosexual behaviour with sex-role inversion. Of course, the two phenomena are completely independent, but the popular image of the male homosexual wanting to be womanly, and the lesbian wanting to be masculine, remains. If one looks beyond the images presented by the media, it is apparent that the diversity of the gay community overwhelms any popular stereotypes.

Myth 9:
Homosexuals are promiscuous.

Truth:
This is another illusion propagated by the fact those individuals who are promiscuous are by far the most visible. While the dynamics of the gay community probably do result in more frequent expressions of sexuality than among heterosexuals, it is not reasonable to describe an entire community as promiscuous when most of its individuals are not.

Myth 10:
Homosexuals are anti-family.

Truth:
There is simply no basis for this statement. Most political groups within the gay community believe in the recognition of alternate family structures, and encourage people to find mutual support in whatever type of family is suitable for them. For those lesbians and gay men who are fortunate enough to have avoided rejection by their own families, strong family ties are encouraged. For those who no longer have a family, the gay community has been instrumental in achieving legal recognition for those in long-term relationships. Ironically, this has received the most vigorous opposition from groups that claim to be pro-family. This opposition has made it difficult for lesbians and gays to find stable family structures that many of them need when their traditional family is no longer there.

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Bud Kanke's CA helped him acquire his taste in seafood.

FEATURE

Gays want the right to open love

by Scott Wilson

Recently I had cause to call the Victoria City Police to get some background on a couple of shows we were doing for Radio Lambda. More out of curiosity than anything I asked about gay officers on the force.

The officer said that to the best of his knowledge there had never been any but he didn't see how anyone would have known if there was.

He was honestly concerned about gay issues and possible violence directed at homosexuals. My impression is his response was sincere and meant to imply he thought gay men were normal and generally indistinguishable. After all the only thing that makes them different is who they sleep with.

I asked the officer if he also didn't know the marital status, common law or otherwise, of many of his fellow officers; if there was ever a function, Christmas party or whatever, where spouses or dates were not invited; whether over beers with the boys no one had ever had cause to mention a date past, present or future of some note, perhaps even pointing out a particularly attractive, at least to them, person across the room.

The point being sex is easy in the closet. It doesn't require a lot of time or space.

One of the justifications of the institutionalization of casual sex among gay men is it was the easiest way to deal with life in the closet. Emotional attachments and love in particular are strained by confinement.

Considering the duplicity and incompleteness of a love that dare not speak it's name, and that it survives at all, is a statement to the strength of that love.

It would be interesting for straight people to try to imagine a world where holding hands is a political statement, one that can put its own strains on a relationship. A world where simple things like holding hands, a casual kiss or just holding someone is often accompanied by nervous glances all around.

I do not want the right to share with everyone that deft flick of the tongue, a lazy tongue being a boring tongue, that transforms fellatio. I can already share that with everyone that I would want to.

What I want is the right to shout my LOVE from the mountain tops; to sit quietly on a beach holding the man I love in my arms enjoying a sunset, stirring no more

than a smile in passers by as they remember the joys of their own loves.

The situation is certainly not due entirely to the attitude of the straight people. Most of my frustration comes from the nice gay men I run into. As weekend warriors across North America know it is easier to say "just do it" than to live it. There are times when the simple approach is the best, though.

As a man who has walked down streets, including Government Street, holding another man's hand, who has kissed a man good night in front of the Empress Hotel, who has sat on the #14 bus with my hand on another man's thigh I can assure you first hand the world does not come to an end.

Most people didn't notice. Some people stared. Some people were distressed. Yes some people called us faggots. But I've been called worse and the fact of the matter is they are right I am a faggot.

There is another possibly subtler, certainly more political, thing to be learned. It comes from being actively involved in National Coming Out Day, and from walking around Victoria with a button that says "That's Mr. Faggot To You".

There's a great deal of acceptance and, more importantly, support out there. The button was a hit in Safeway among other places. By identifying myself I found for every negative reaction there were five or six people who didn't care or didn't get it and at least one person who was actively supportive.

As well, it opened up dialogue. People could laugh at it, it wasn't meant to be taken seriously, and then it was easier for them to ask me questions. They could all say they had met a real live homosexual and hopefully we would be a little less of an over there group and a little more of a right here group. Most people relate better to things they've met than to all the academic arguments in the world.

By being accessible we could discuss why I wanted to identify myself.

What is my point? Gay liberation, like all true liberation movements, has to be a celebration of difference. Not that we're just like everyone else except for one little thing that we'll try to keep hidden. We should be opening up new visions and ideas and representing unthought of possibilities.

You do not gain acceptance by asking politely if you can sit with the grown-ups if you promise not to make a mess. You are only tolerated.

Tolerance levels are too volatile to count on. Besides, a good food fight can remind us how arbitrary most of our rules and conventions are. That should be the power of the gay movement.

Gay men and lesbians should be like moles sprinkled throughout the power structure, not necessarily to blow it apart but hopefully to humanize it.

By reminding all those people they come in contact with that what makes life interesting is its diversity and people interesting is there uniqueness, not what makes them just like everyone else.

That is our advantage in being everywhere. We can act as advocates, just by our presence, to all other minorities, that all of our differences whether they be race, religion, physical or mental challenges or sexual orientation should be cause for celebration. ❑

Sherryl Yeager

PLAYING THE DAY AWAY — Two students took advantage of the warm weather Monday, by practicing in front of the SUB.

Law fails to protect

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bian, she was fired," Robinson said.

A woman who phoned Robinson said she wanted to join the armed forces, but when it was discovered she was a lesbian she was told "sorry, we don't hire your kind."

"If they were doing this to Jews, women or blacks what would the response be?" asked Robinson. "Outrage, and not just from those communities... people who are not homosexual should also be speaking out in favour of lesbian and gay rights just as men should be speaking out for women's rights.

"The most powerful way of confronting homophobia is visibility."

Robinson said if homosexual relationships are not being recognized at this university someone should be asking why.

One year ago this spring Kim Campbell, federal minister of justice, promised to amend the Human Rights Act by this past fall to include equality for lesbians and gay men, said Robinson.

"That promise has not been fulfilled," said Robinson, who is now lobbying the government to keep that promise. ❑

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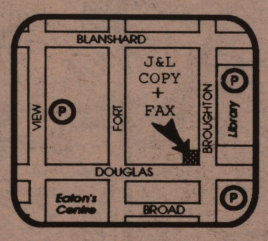

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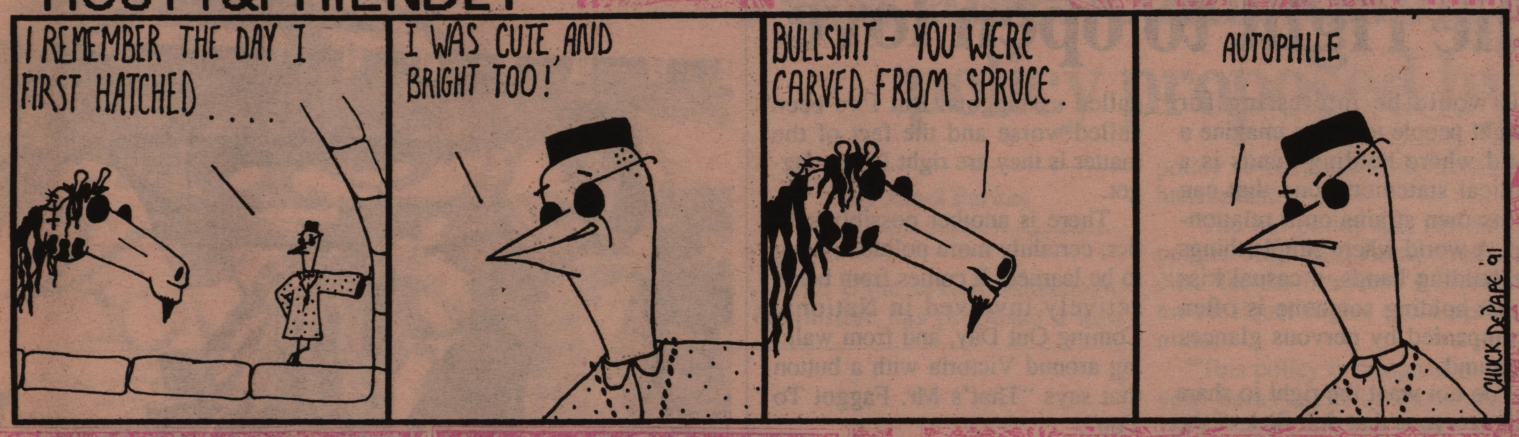

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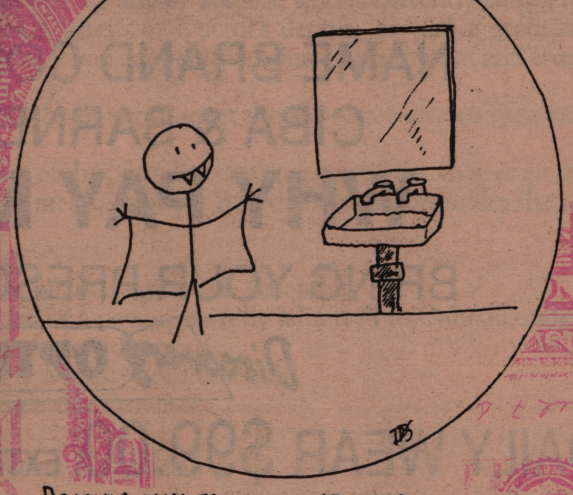

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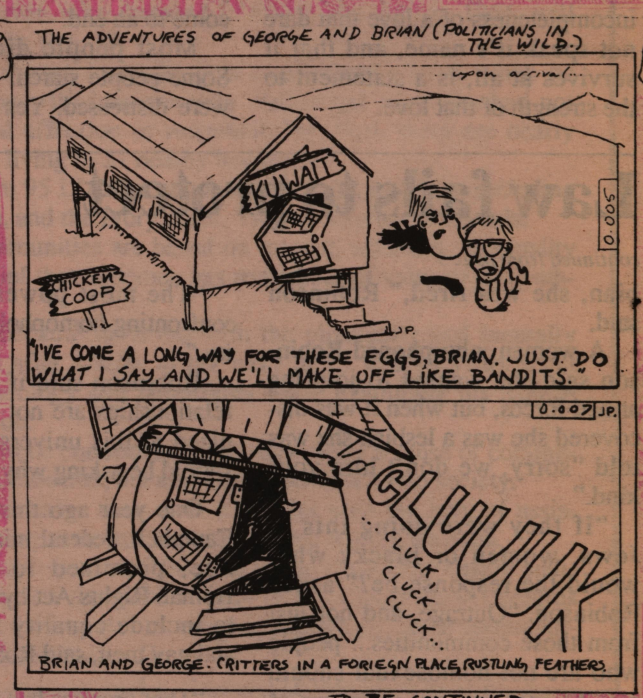

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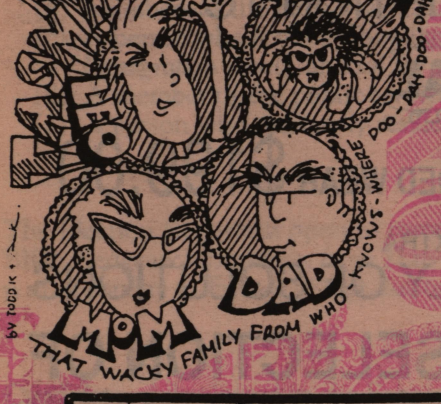

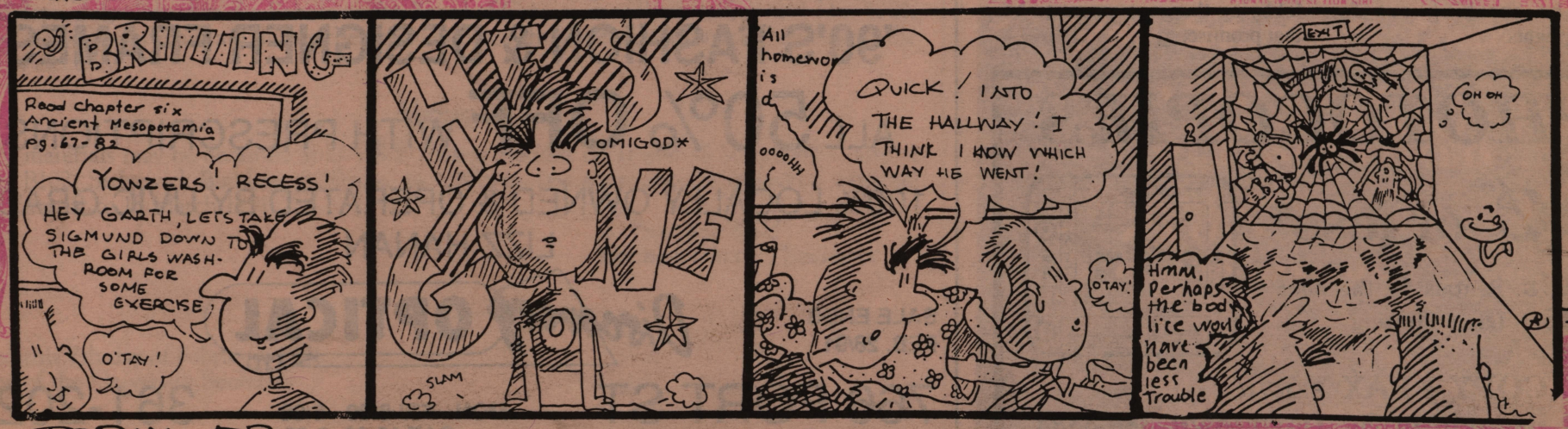

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